

Command Summary of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN

Nimitz "Graybook"

7 December 1941 – 31 August 1945

Volume 8 of 8

Selected dispatches concerning the period 30 December 1941 to 30 April 1942
and pertaining to the Battle of Midway

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The dispatches included in Book Eight are selected dispatches concerning the period 30 December 1941 to 30 April 1942 (numbered in lower righthand corner 500-550 incl.), and dispatches pertaining to the Battle of Midway.

The dispatches pertaining to the Battle of Midway are:

- (1) A set of dispatches received from CincPac's files. (These are unnumbered and proceed all others.)
- (2) A set of dispatches from Cominch Sealed Secret file, 1 May-31 May 1942. (Numbered in lower righthand corner 0001-0012 incl.)
- (3) A set of dispatches from Cominch Special Sealed Secret file, 1 May-21 May 1942. (Numbered in lower righthand corner 0013-0041.)
- (4) A set of dispatches from Cominch Sealed Secret file, 1 June-30 June 1942. (Numbered 0042-0062.)
- (5) A set of dispatches from Cominch "Operational" Sealed Secret file, 1 June-30 June 1942. (Numbered 0063-0124.)

The Chief of Naval Communications has requested that the source and extent of information contained in the dispatches not be disclosed and that the messages never be made public in their present form.

SOURCE: Cominch SEALED SECRET file, 1 May-31 May 1942.

From Cominch:

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0001-0003	152130
0004	211700
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0006	251735
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From others:

0009-0011	230327-230425
0012	250641

SOURCE: Cominch "Special" SEALED SECRET file, 1 May-21 May 1942.

Dispatches originated by Cominch:

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0013	132140
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0015	042226
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0020	090249
0021	091507
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0025	092219
0026	102319
0027	150111
0028	150233
0029	170335
0030	170507
0031	180403
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0035	250215
0036	280351
0037-0038	291335
0039	300419
0040-0041	310357

SOURCE: Cominch SEALED SECRET file, 1 June-30 June 1942.

Originated by Cominch:

0042-0043	010100
0044	160132
0045	211939
0046	271415
0047-0048	291810

From others:

0049-0050	020455
0051	020745
0052	202013
0053	220055
0054-0055	230205

0056	232230
0057-0058	272251
0059-0060	300015
0061-0062	300125

SOURCE: Cominch "Operational" SEALED SECRET file, 1 June-30 June 1942.

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0064-0065	062045	0067	071954

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0068	010751	0093	050503
0069-0071	012133	0094	050533
0072-0073	012105	0095	050535
0074-0075	012133	0096	050557
0076	031941	0097	050615
0077	032154	0098-0099	050631
0078	032215	0100	050645
0079-0080	040745	0101	050647
0081	041126	0102-0103	050655
0082	041145	0104	050915
0083	041159	0105-0106	051520
0084	041720	0107	051855
0085	041805	0108	051959
0086	042055	0109-0110	052040
0087	042240	0111	060431
0088	050001	0112-0113	060601
0089	050204	0114	062123
0090	050315	0115	062259
0091	050320	0116	070041
0092	050403	0117	070207
		0118	070353
		0119	070740
		0120	070747
		0121-0122	070756
		0123-0124	071611

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500	061825	502	272056
501	122032		

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503	010323	515	190457
504	020250	516	190535
505-506	082307	517	192109
507	110535	518-519	220345
508	110547	520	220541
509	150105	521-523	230051
510-511	150411	524	250317
512	170626	525	262047
513	172015	526	282223
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528	051555 Feb.	533	191905 March
529	092245 "	534	272000 "
530	122200 "	535	281645 "
531	141835 "	536-537	McArthur of Jan.

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By CincPac & others:

538-539	080239 Feb.	544	250847 Feb.
540	120459 "	545-546	251209 "
541	140022 "	547	260325 "
542	152225 "	548	222157 March
543	250249 "	549-550	McArthur's 300940

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FROM: ADMIRAL NIMITZ (NMC)	TO: ALBANY BELLINGTON	PRIORITY	DEFERRED
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UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.			
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CONSIDERATION PASS TO SEFORPACUSCOM INFO. TERM DELIVER TO COMEN BOBCAT. ALBANY BELLINGTON TO 300 FIJI ACTION SEFORPACUSCOM AUCKLAND AND NZNS FOR INFO. TANGIER TO COMEN PUPPY FOR ACTION. DOBBIN TO GO NEWZEALAND GARRISON BLEACHER AND PROSPECTIVE COMEN BLEACHER FOR ACTION. NNS FOR INFO TO COMEN AND OPNAV, LATTER PASS TO CHIEF OF STAFF UNITED STATES ARMY. NPU PASS TO AREA HDQ AMPHIB-FOR INFO. COMUSPACFOR PASS TO ACNB AND ACNB TO SUPREME COMND COMUSPAC FOR INFO. SHIPS IN HEADING NOT ACTUALLY ADDRESSED. THIS IS FROM ADMIRAL CHESTER WILLIAM NIMITZ USN. COMENNAWDEPT AND COMEN ROSES INFORMED.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES RECEIVED THROUGH COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNITED STATES FLEET 1 AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS ASSUMED COMMAND AT 0000Z MAY 8 OF ALL LAND SEA AND AIR FORCES IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AREA LESS THOSE FOR LAND DEFENSE NEW ZEALAND. ACTION ADDRESSEES ACKNOWLEDGE BY DESPATCH. COMMAND OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA WILL BE EXERCISED THROUGH THE COMMANDER OF THAT AREA WHEN VICE ADMIRAL ROBERT LOVE GORMLEY USN ASSUMES THAT POSITION.

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170407

YOUR 152130 AND 152136 CROSSED MY 160307 X CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE IN
ESTIMATES BASED PROBABLY ON THE SAME DATA IS NOTED X LATEST INFORMATION
HERE DOES NOT CONFIRM FUTURE ENEMY CONCENTRATION AT TRUK X BELIEVE HE
MAY WELL TRY TO CAPTURE OUR VITAL HAWAIIAN AREA AT THIS TIME BEFORE
REINFORCEMENTS AFFORDED BY OUR WAR PRODUCTION CAN BE RECEIVED X WILL
WATCH SITUATION CLOSELY AND RETURN HALSEY TO SOUTHWEST IF IMMINENT
CONCENTRATION THAT DIRECTION IS INDICATED X FURTHER DETAILS INDICATE
YORKTOWN IS AGE WITHIN CAPACITY PEARL TO REPAIR IN REASONABLY SHORT
TIME X THEREFORE HAVE RETAINED YORKTOWN AIR PERSONNEL AND PLANES IN
YORKTOWN FOR READINESS ACTIVE CARRIER OPERATIONS WHEN SHIP REPAIRS

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AND EMPLOYED X WITH RESPECT TO TORPEDO PERSONNEL AND TORPEDOES
 FOR FANTAS AND PONY SEE MY 160905 X ARMY MEDIUM BOMBERS ARE BUILT
 VERY TORPEDOES X WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AS SOON AS SITUATION
 DEVELOPS WITH RESPECT TO NUMBER OF TORPEDOES AND THEIR STATUS AS
 WEARS DOWNWEATHERING FOR HIGH SPEED DROPS X WILL PUSH READINESS OF
 AND WEAVER EXPLOIT ALL MEANS OF THEIR MUTUAL REINFORCEMENT X
 ALSO REITERATE HOWEVER THAT WE SHOULD NOT COUNT ON SUCH REINFORCEMENT
 BEING IN TIME X ACTION FOR CONCERT WITH SOUTHWEST PAC UNDER STUDY AND
 THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION WITH MACARTHUR TODAY X TANGIER DELIVER
 TO VICE ADMIRAL GROMLEY

Sent at 0422
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IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT YOU SHALL ATTACK ENEMY ISLAND BASES
WHILE RETURNING THIS AREA X CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT YOU
NOT BE SIGHTED BY THE ENEMY X

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171927

From: CINCPAC

To : (Action)

Midway

via cable

To : (Info)

Aides

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From Cachelot your previous orders have been received. Believed enemy will attack Midway. Please launch from a position 100 miles North west of Midway. Patrol area until further orders. Avoid Midway acknowledge delivery.

E. Ann

182145

From: CINCPAC

To : (Action)

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SITUATION YOUR 172220 X ISLAND REENFORCEMENTS YOUR 132140 X
REQUEST SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL ALL ARMY AIRCRAFT EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE CAHU DURING REMAINDER OF MAY AND JUNE X

182154

From: CINCPAC

To: (Action)

NAS MIDWAY

AIDAC

To: (Info)

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THIS IS AMPLIFICATION OF COM FOURTEEN 200650 AND MY 190427 AND 190725 X
LATEST ESTIMATE INDICATES YOU MAY BE ATTACKED BY CARRIER AIRCRAFT FOLLOWED
BY LANDING ATTACK IN THE NEAR FUTURE X THIRTY MAY DASH ONE JUNE PROBABLE
PERIOD X NORTHWEST POSITION OF CARRIERS IS INDICATED X YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED
BY SUBMARINES THE PATROL PLANES NOW ENROUTE AND BY CARRIER TASK FORCES
WHICH WILL PROBABLY OPERATE INITIALLY EAST OF YOUR LONGITUDE X YOU SHOULD
BE READY TO REFUEL AND REARM ARMY BOMBERS X YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED AS
FAR AS POSSIBLE OF MOVEMENT OWN FORCES ^{sub part I} ^{sub part II} X INITIALLY EMPLOY PATROL PLANES
NOW AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO MAINTAIN BEST PRACTICABLE SEARCH IN SECTOR FROM

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From: CINCPAC

To: (Action)

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SOUTHWEST THROUGH WEST TO NORTH WITH EMPHASIS ON NORTHWEST SECTOR
paren context for 4 and 9 paren
KEEPING ME AND INFO ADDRESSEES INFORMED DAILY OF YOUR PLAN X BE
PREPARED TO EMPLOY THEM AS STRIKING FORCE UNDER DAWN DUSK AND
MOONLIGHT CONDITIONS X ALSO TO RETIRE VP TO PEARL TO PREVENT
encl Part II / Begin part III X
DESTRUCTION ON GROUND OR WATER X (CINCPAC WILL RETAIN GENERAL
DIRECTION OF FLEET FORCES BUT DOES NOT DESIRE TO HAMPER YOUR
INITIATIVE IN CASES WHERE YOUR POSITION AT THE SCENE OF OPERATIONS
BEST QUALIFIES YOU TO ACT X VP AND SUBS USE NORMAL AND SECONDARY

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FREQUENCIES OF NQM X DESIRE VPs MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE EXCEPT FOR
EMERGENCY OR ENEMY CONTACT X USE FLIGHT NUMBERS 55 TO 59 INCLUSIVE
AS DESIRED X

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From: CINCPAC

To: (Action)

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ACCOUNT .OCIDENTAL PARTIAL LOSS AVGAS STORAGE AT MIDWAY IN THIS
CRITICAL TIME I INTEND TO WITHDRAW STEAMSHIP NIRA LUCKENBACK
FROM SANFRANCISCO DASH PEARL SERVICE FOR ONE TRIP AND SAIL HER
WITH CARGO AVGAS IN DRUMS FOR MIDWAY X ACCOUNT MODERATE LENGTH DRAUGHT
AND SPEED FOURTEEN KNOTS SHIP IS ADMIRABLY SUITED FOR THIS EMERGENCY
USE X AT PRESENT NIRA LUCKENBACK IS UNDER ARMY CHARTER UNLOADING
AT HONOLULU X REQUEST YOU MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS WITH ARMY

24039

Chm.

Q

sent 03/11/42

Date 24 MAY 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 241943

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To: COMINCH

HANDLE WITH UTMOST SECRECY X AT PRESENT CONSIDER SITUATION
TO SOUTHWARD WILL PERMIT DELAY DEPARTURE FORCES SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN UNTIL AFTER OUR CONFERENCE X ADVISE

241943

Subject File

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sent at 1959
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CINCPAC
(Action)

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CONGENHAWDEPT M-610 (AIDAC)
TAKEFOR 9 M-613
CONGENHAWDEPT (ADM) M-611

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FURTHER INDICATIONS AS TO THE NIGHT ATTACK BY SEAPLANES MY 130305
DEVELOPED THIS FORENOON X IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS ATTACK MAY BE

DELAYED TO AFFORD A DIVERSION IN CONNECTION WITH A STRONG ATTACK
AGAINST MIDWAY INCLUDING CARRIERS AND LANDING FORCE WHICH SOME

ESTIMATES PLACE AS EARLY AS 30 MAY X A SUCCEEDING HEAVY ATTACK
AGAINST SAMP IS NOT YET DEFINITELY INDICATED X HOWEVER FOR THE

PURPOSE DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO GUARD AGAINST SURPRISE BY NIGHT
FLYING SEAPLANES X AND AFFORD SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR VALUABLE

SHIPS WHICH WILL BE IN THE HARBOR X THE PEARL HARBOR DEFENSES WILL
BE IN CONDITION TWO UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS X CONGENHAWDEPT
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COMMUNICATING UNIT
U.S. FLEET

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COMINCH

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RJR O.

ROUTINE 01 00

RADIO 11 16

HALSEY ARRIVED HERE TODAY X OWN SUBMARINE ENROUTE FROM
PATROL REPORTS SIGHTING SEARCHLIGHT 600 MILES WEST OF
MIDWAY LAST NIGHT

270209

ORIGINATOR

Sent at 02:09

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date / MAY 42

From CINCPAC 27#221

To NAS MIDWAY

Info To:

COM 14

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How to

CABLE

SEND 2 PATROL PLANES MAXIMUM DISTANCE REMAINING DAYLIGHT
TODAY ON BEARING 282 FROM MIDWAY X SEARCHLIGHT REPORTED
THAT BEARING LAST NIGHT BY FRIENDLY SUBMARINE DISTANCE 614
MILES X

27#221

ORIGINATOR

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER IN CHIEF
 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 27 MAY 1942

From CINCPAC 270231

To COMCARPAC (ADMIN)

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IN VIEW CURRENT SITUATION AND TO CONSERVE READY TORPEDOES
 REQUEST TORPEDO PRACTICE SCHEDULED FOR 29 MAY BE CANCELLED

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 27 MAY 42

From	CINCPAC 270233	XXXXX	Classification	Originator	U.S. War
To:	COMINCH COMSWPACFOR ALL TF COMDRS PAC OPNAV COM 16	ALL NAV SEA TRON COMDRS LESS LANT, CARIB, GULF ACNS AZNB COMDR NAV FOR EUROPE	SECRET	25	RJR
			505555	Release	
			RADIO	Sh 16	

BELIEVE WAKE BEING REINFORCED BY AIR X EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITIES INDICATED X INCREASED NUMBER OF NAVAL AUXILIARIES
NOTED IN MARSHALLS X JAPANESE RADIO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES
INCREASING WITH EMPHASIS ON HAWAIIAN AND ALEUTIAN AREAS X EX-
PECT INCREASE SUB ACTIVITY IN HAWAIIAN AREA SHORTLY X 73RD
BULLETIN X VESSELS REPORTING WEATHER ARE EASTWARD OF MARSHALLS
AND IN VICINITY OF WAKE KAMCHATKA AND ANDAMANS X BY D/F SUB-
MARINE 50 NORTH 179 EAST

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[Handwritten: 27p327] WILL DEFER TRANSFERS OF KEY PERSONNEL UNTIL COMPLETION OPERATIONS EXPECTED NEAR FUTURE X [Handwritten: CWN]		

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 27 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 272033

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To
MIDWAY

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CABLE	11 16

SUBMARINE REPORTED YOUR 270905 PROBABLY NOT
REPEAT NOT FRIENDLY

REF: PATROL PLANE COVERING APPROACH OF KITTY HAWK
SIGHTED A SUBMARINE AT PERISCOPE DEPTH BEARING
103 DISTANT 140 MILES FROM MIDWAY AT 1830 GCT 26
MAY X SUBMARINE DIVED IMMEDIATELY

272033

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ORIGINATOR

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FORCE CONSISTING OF TWO CARDIVS X TWO CRUDIVS AND A DESRON
BELIEVED TO HAVE DEPARTED JAPAN X BY DOG FOX SUBMARINE THIRTY
SIX NORTH ONE SIXTY EIGHT EAST X THE REMAINDER THIS BULLETIN
SEVENTY FOUR FROM CINCPAC PADDED X HEAVY PAINT ON INTERIOR
OF VESSELS CAUSES FIRE HAZARD IN ACTION BURNING WITH INTENSE
HEAT MOREOVER DIFFICULT TO EXTINGUISH

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From CINCPAC 28/105

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ELLET CONYNGHAM PHELPS DEWEY WORDEN MONAGHAN MONSSEN X CRUISERS

ATLANTA NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA WINCENNES NEW ORLEANS MINNEAPOLIS
X CARRIERS ENTERPRISE HORNET X OILERS PLATTE COMARROW X SORTIE

FROM PEARL HARBOR X ZERO HOUR 2030 OCT 28 MAY X ORDER DESTROYERS
AT MINUS ONE HOUR X CRUISERS AT 5 MINUTE INTERVALS COMMENCING AT

ZERO HOUR X CARRIERS AT 10 MINUTE INTERVALS FIRST AT PLUS 35 MIN-
UTES X SOUND LANE 8 MILES 225 DEGREES FROM XRAY TO OPTION X FUR-

HISH OWN AIR COVERAGE X AT 0130 OCT 29TH PASS THROUGH POSITION
21-00 NORTH 158-40 WEST COURSE 090 SPEED 15 AT WHICH TIME AND

PLACE AIR GROUPS RENDEZVOUS OVER CARRIERS PREPARATORY TO LANDING
X GWIN AND AYLWIN WILL BE DIRECTED TO JOIN TF 16 LATER X HUGHES

HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM TF 16 TO TF 17
28/105

CHRONO
ORIGINATOR

sent 12/13/42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 28 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 280141

Info To:

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
95

C. W. O.

To
CTF 9

CO NAS MIDWAY
CO NAS JOHNSTON
CTF 4

Precedence
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R. Team
01

System
RDO

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11 16

YOUR 260141 DESIRE PLANES DEPART FROM OAHU ON 29 MAY

REF: 4 PLANES PATRON 11 EIGHT PLANES PATRON 23 WHEN
DIRECTED PROCEED MIDWAY.....4 PLANES PATRON 11
PROCEED JOHNSTON.....

280141

Chyon
ORIGINATOR

sent at 0151g

Date 28 MAY 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINGPAC 280233

To NYPH

Info To

COMSERFORPAC
COMCARPAC, CTF 16
YORKTOWN
COMCARPAC (ADMIN)

~~CONF ID~~

52

ECW

Prior

01

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11, 12

RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY GRANTED YORKTOWN FOR URGENT REPAIRS X
COMPLETION 1600 MAY 29 X DRY DOCK SHIP WITHOUT REMOVAL OF AVGAS

280233

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ORIGINATOR

280233/11

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 28 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 280339

Info To

~~SECRET~~

17

C. W. D.
500

To COMINCH

ROUT

01.00

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11.16

TASK FORCE 16 LEAVES TOMORROW UNDER SPRUANCE AS HALSEY TEMPOR-
ARILY INCAPACITATED BY OBSCURE ALLERGY X SUBMARINE REPORTED 140
MILES EAST OF MIDWAY X PLANE INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE SEARCH-
LIGHT REPORTED YESTERDAY WEST OF MIDWAY WAS NEGATIVE X FLETCHER
ARRIVED TODAY AND ESTIMATE READY FOR OPERATIONS 48 TO 60 HOURS

280339

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ORIGINATOR

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTG OING

Date

From 20 MAY 42
PINCJAC 284425

Info To

To
CTG4.5

Classification	Exemption	C. W. D.
SECRET	11	CCU
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PRIORITY		
System	Show to	
X338 RADIO		

FOR TASK FORCE DEPARTING ZERO HOUR 2030 OCT 20 MAY ESTABLISH
SOUND LANE EIGHT MILES 225 DEGREES FROM BRAY 13 OPTION

284425

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ORIGINATOR

sent at 0445
4

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 25 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 257831

Info To

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Urgency
13A

C. W. O.
NRK

To: HAS MIDWAY

Precedence
ROUT

Release
94

By
CABLE

Show to

LOCATION FRIENDLY FORCES NEAR MIDWAY 1700 VW (PLUS 9 1/2)
28 MAY X 1SS ON STATION APPROXIMATELY 165 MILES NORTH OF
MIDWAY X 1 SS 179-30 EAST 23-05 NORTH COURSE 050 SPEED 12.5
X 1 SS BEARING 338 FROM MIDWAY DISTANCE 125 MILES ON STATION
X 11 PT 1 AVD BEARING 120 FROM MIDWAY DISTANCE 375 MILES X 4 Y
YP'S VICINITY LISIANSKI

287831

CHRONO
ORIGINATOR

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Date 28-MAY-42

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC		Info To	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
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			Procedure	Release	
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			System	Show to	
			RDO	01	

DELIVER FOLLOWING TO REAR ADMIRAL FITCH AND CAPTAIN FREDERICK
SHERMAN X THIS IS FOR BOTH OF YOU AND ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF
LEXINGTON AND HER AIRCRAFT GROUP X BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST
SYMPATHY FOR LOSSES IN YOUR VERY GALLANT ACTION X I CONSIDER
THAT CONDUCT OF ALL HANDS WAS SUPERB AND THAT LEXINGTON CONTRI-
BUTED GREATLY TO REVERSAL OF ENEMY PLANS AS RESULT OF OUR
CORAL SEA SUCCESSES X YOU HAVE MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND FAITH
X I KNOW THAT YOU WILL RETURN TO COMBAT WITH RENEWED EAGERNESS
AND I RELY UPON ALL OF YOU TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE HIGH NAVAL
STANDARDS THAT YOU HAVE SO ADMIRABLY SET

281923

ORIGINATOR

Chron.

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 29 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 291205

Info To

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

To: TF 17 YORKTOWN
ASTORIA PORTLAND
DESRON 2 LESS
WALKE, OBRIEN,
MUSTIN

CTF 4 7 9 CTG 4.5
COMSERFORPAC
COMSERON 6

~~SEC~~

12

Precedence

Release

ROUTINE

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System

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RAD

SORTIE FROM PEARL X ZERO 1830 GCT 30 MAY X SOUND LANE FOUR MILES
180 DEGS XRAY TO OPTION X CADER DESTROYERS AT MINUS ONE HOUR X
CRUISERS AT ZERO HOUR AND PLUS FIVE MINUTES X CARRIER AT PLUS 20
MINUTES X COMMUNICATIONS OPLAN 29-42 EFFECTIVE AT MINUS 2 HOURS X
FURNISH OWN AIR COVERAGE AND LAND AIR GROUP AS DIRECTED BY TASK-
FORCOM X CONDUCT SURFACE AND ANTIAIRCRAFT TARGET PRACTICE IN AREA
CAST TEN FOLLOWING SORTIE X HIGH SPEED TOW REQUIRED X MUSTIN WILL
BE DIRECTED TO JOIN TASK FORCE 17 AFTER RELEASE FROM CURRENT
ESCORT ASSIGNMENT

291205

ORIGINATOR *Shon.*

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date **29 MAY 1942**

From CINCPAC **291409**

Info To

Classification Proprietary C. W. O.

To:
**ALL TASK FORCES PAC
MIDWAY**

~~SECRET~~ **25.1**

Prior **98**

Radio **RADIOO**

BY DOG FOX ORANGE SUB LOCATED 176-15 EAST AND 29-30 NORTH AT
0700 GCT 29TH

1431/29

291409

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 29 MAY 42

From CINCPAC ²⁹¹⁹³⁹	Info To	Classification SECRET	Originator 34	C. W. O. ---
To: BOBCAT		Precedence ROUTINE	Release	
		System RADIO	Show to	

TO C O BOBCAT SIGNED EMMONS XX DURING THE NEXT 10 DAYS URGENT YOU
MAINTAIN ALL FORCE OF YOUR COMMAND IN READINESS AS INDICATED IN
MYRAD 180025 X DEFINITE INDICATIONS OF HOSTILE ACTION IN CENTRAL
PACIFIC AREA ON AND AFTER MAY 30TH

291939

Chronological
~~ORIGINATOR~~

+ 2069

From: CINCPAC

To: (Action) *Ca Task Force One*

To: (Info) ~~_____~~

344129

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Originator *01A*

Release *00 Can*

Show to *1665*

Classification

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Procedure

Def

Crypto Group

System

Consider initial statement your 282150 should not repeat not be made in confidential code and that most secret source endangered thereby. Threat to Manila not confirmed by information available to CinCPac.

282150/3

From: CINCPAC

To : (Action)

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To : (Info)

300219

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Originator

Releaser

Short

Classification

Secret

Crypto Group

Precedence

System

285

Fletcher leaves tomorrow x ~~_____~~
~~_____~~
~~_____~~ West coast has been alerted
by local commanders x My information
does not indicate a threat there at
present x Heavy planes at Midway today 24
PBX 4 TB-26 with some TB-17's to land
soon x 6 PBX at Johnston x

300219

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 30 MAY 1942

From CINCPAC 355227

Info To:

~~SEC~~

16

C. W. O.
RLK/

To COMTASKFOR 16

ROUTINE

31

RDO

11, 12

INITIAL AREAS FOR STRIKING FORCES APPENDIX 2 MY OPPLAN 29-42 X
POINT LUCK IS LAT 32 NORTH LONG 173 WEST X TASKFOR 16 AREA
NORTH AND WEST OF LUCK X TASKFOR 17 NORTH AND EAST X BOTH
FORCES APPROACH POINT LUCK DAILY DURING FORENOON AND EXCHANGE
DESPATCHES BY AIRCRAFT IF DESIRED X ABOVE IS NOT MANDATORY AND
IS INTENDED ONLY TO ASSIST INITIAL COORDINATION X COMTASKFOR
17 HAS THIS BY HAND

SENT AT 0351 HRF

355227

CHRONOLOGICAL
RECORD

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 30 MAY 1942

From CINCPAC 300231

To COMTASKFOR 16

INFO TO:

COMTASKFOR 17
CIMARRON
PLATTE

Classification

~~SEC~~

Character

16

Precedence

ROUTINE

Release

01

System

RDO

Show to

18

11, 12

THIS IS SUBSTANCE PLAN FOR OILERS APPENDIX 1 MY OPPLAN 29-42
X POINTS DESIGNATED X AFIRM LAT 31 LONG 167 X BAKER LAT 28

LONG 167 X CAST LAT 26 LONG 163 X DOG LAT 29 LONG 163 X ALL
NORTH AND WEST X PARA X WHEN RELEASED ABOUT 31 MAY BY COMTASK-

FOR 16 OILERS AND ESCORT PROCEED SOUTHEASTERLY THROUGH AFIRM
AT 0300Z JUNE 2 X CIMARRON THEN PROCEED THROUGH BAKER CAST

DOG BAKER IN THAT ORDER ARRIVING AT BAKER AT 2000Z ON JUNE 2
JUNE 4TH AND EVERY SECOND DAY THEREAFTER X PARA X PLATTE

PROCEED ALONG LINE AFIRM DOG AND JOIN COMMANDER TASK FORCE 17
AS MAY BE DIRECTED BY HIM X WHEN RELEASED OR IF NOT UTILIZED

PROCEED AROUND CIRCUIT BAKER CAST DOG ADJUSTING POSITION AND
SPEED TO ARRIVE AT BAKER AT 2000Z ON ODD DAYS OF THE MONTH X

PARA X CONTINUE PROCEDURE UNTIL OTHERWISE ORDERED BY CINCPAC
OR SENIOR STRIKING FORCE COMMANDER

300231

CHRONOLOGICAL SENT AT 0330 HRF

~~SECRET~~

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date	30 MAY 1942			
From	CINCPAC 344231 ⁷	To		Classification
				Originator
To	PACFLT	COPENHAGENDEPT		12
				Release
				11
				Show to
				NLD

FOR ACTION ALL HOLDERS CINCPAC OPLAN NUMBER 25-42 X PARAGRAPH 5 BAKER BY OPLAN 25-42 X PLANES IN FLIGHT WILL BE UNABLE HANDLE POSITION DESIGNATIONS IN CHART FOUR THOUSAND YOKE COORDINATES X FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO OR FROM PLANES USE EFFECTIVE CRYPTOGRAPHIC AIDS OR ABREVIATED PLAIN LANGUAGE WHEN LATTER IS APPROPRIATE

344231⁷

CHRONOLOGICAL
ORDINATOR

Sent at 0414Z

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **30 MAY 42**

From CINCPAC **300515**

Info To:

Classification ~~SECRET~~ Originator **16** C. W. O. **ECW**

To: **OTF 16 17 4 2.9**
COMGENNADEPT
OTF 11 (MG)

Precedence **ROUTINE** Release **16**

Radio **RADIO** **11, 17**

MY OPCRDER 29-42 UNDER SUBMARINE FORCE ADD OAHU PATROL 4 SUB-
MARINES X PARA 3 B OAHU PATROL TAKE STATION BETWEEN 357 AND 013
ON 300 MILE CIRCLE FROM CENTRAL OAHU X PARA X 1 ADD TO LAST SENT-
ENCE QUOTE OR WITHIN 100 MILES OF STATIONS ASSIGNED THE SUPPORT
PATROL AND OAHU PATROL PERIOD THESE ATTACK RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO
SURFACE AS WELL AS AIRCRAFT UNQUOTE

300515

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 20 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 300627

Info To:

COMBATWING PAC

To: MIDWAY

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	
Precedence	Release	
ROUTINE	21	
System	Show to	
CALL	11 16	

~~Out~~
SUBMARINE MAY BE SIGHTED BEARING 262 TRUE FROM MIDWAY
DISTANCE 200 MILES BEGINNING TODAY AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE X
PATROLLING POSSIBLE ENEMY RENDEZVOUS

300627

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ORIGINATOR

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 31 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 301125

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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Precedence

Release

ROUT

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System
RDO

Show to

To:
CTF 16, 17, 8, 7, 9
~~BRNSENHAKHAKX~~

NY 301515 AMEND TO READ QUOTE AND 103 ON 300 MILE CIRCLE
UNQUOTE X CINCPAC CORRECTING

301125

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~~ORIGINATOR~~

Date **30 MAY 42**

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDEI-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From	CINCPAC 302055	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	SARATOGA MAHAN CHESTER FANNING SANDIEGO SMITH GRAVEN DALE LAFFEY PRESTON DUNLAP AARON WARD	TASK FORCE COMDRSPACFLT COMINCH COMNAVSEAFON COMNESAFTON COM 11 COMCARPAC ADMIN COMCRUPAC COMDESPAC	SECRET	12	
			Precedence	Release	
			PRIOR	11	
			System	17:13 16:18	
			RADIO		

TASK GROUP ELEVEN POINT ONE X CAPTAIN RAMSEY X SARATOGA SANDIEGO
LAFFEY MAHAN SMITH PRESTON DEPART SAN DIEGO EARLIEST PRACTICABLE
TIME PROCEED PEARL TWENTY KNOTS ROUTE THIRTY MILES NORTH OF GREAT

CIRCLE AND VIA KAHAI CHANNEL REPORT TIME DEPARTURE X COMTASKFOR 11
IN CHESTER MAKE FAST TURNAROUND SAN DIEGO AND PROCEED PEARL SAME
TRACK AS ABOVE SPEED NOT LESS THAN TWENTY KNOTS X FANNING DALE

COMPLETION REPAIRS REPORT SENIOR OFFICER TASKFOR ONE PRESENT AT
SAN FRANCISCO FOR DUTY X GRAVEN DUNLAP ALSO REPORT DUTY IN TASKFOR
ONE UPON ARRIVAL SAN FRANCISCO AARON WARD UPON ARRIVAL SAN DIEGO

PROCEED SAN FRANCISCO REPORT DUTY IN TASKFOR ONE X THIS MODIFIED
NYDIS 250443 AND PREVIOUS ORDERS TO INDIVIDUAL UNITS ADDRESSED

302055

Chen
ORIGINATOR

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 30 MAY 1942

From CINCPAC 302249

To CTF 16 - 17

Info To:

Classification

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Originator

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RLK

Precedence

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Release

01

System

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Show to

MIDWAY REPORTS PATROL PLANE 262 TRUE DISTANCE 450 OPPOSED BY
ENEMY AIRCRAFT AT 0945 YOKE (PLUS 12)

302249

Chion
~~ORIGINATOR~~

LT 2207

Date **30 MAY 42**

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC **302339**

Info To:

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16

WTR

To: **COMTASKFOR 16, 17**

COMINCH

ROUTINE

01

System R 17, 11, 91

MIDWAY SEARCH TODAY COMMENCING 0500 Y SECTOR 200 TO 020 TO 700
MILES X HEAVY PLANES MIDWAY TODAY TWENTY FOUR VP FOUR B26 SIX

B17 JOHNSTON SIX VP X BELIEVE SOME ENEMY FORCES AT RENDEZVOUS
LAT 27 NORTH LONG 170 EAST IN NEAR FUTURE X POSSIBLY REFUELING

STRIKING FORCE THERE X FLETCHER DEPARTED AT 1830Z THIRTIETH

302339

ORIGINATOR

*Ant at 0051
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Date **31-MAY-42**

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From	CINCPAC 310151	Info To:		Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	ALL TF COMDRS	COMINCH		-S- -P-	17 Ø1	RHT
				System	Show to	
				RDO	11-16	

FOLLOWING PBY SEARCH CONTACTS AT ABOUT 2200 GCT 480 MILES
BEARING 213 1 FOUR MOTORED BOMBING PLANE X 450 MILES BEARING
262 MITSUBISHI TWIN ENGINE HEAVY VB X BEARINGS AND DISTANCES
FROM MIDWAY

310151

ORIGINATOR

Int at 0103

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET		CLASSIFIED OUTGOING	
Date 31-MAY-42			
From CINCPAC 310251 51	Info To:	-S- 17	RHT
To: COMINCH		-R- 1-00	
		RDO 11-16	

THE GRENADIER RETURNING FROM PATROL OFF JAPAN REPORTS
 SINKING 1 FREIGHTER AND GETTING 2 HITS ON CONVOYED PASSENGER
 SHIP X THE SINKING OF THE LATTER IS BELIEVED CONFIRMED BY
 OTHER SOURCES X IT NOW APPEARS PROBABLE THAT 19 SUBS CAN
 BE USED IN THE MIDWAY OAHU AREA TO OPPOSE ENEMY ADVANCE X
 NOTHING FURTHER NOT ALREADY REPORTED

310251 51

Sent at 0311

ORIGINATOR *Chen*

CINCPAC

(Action)

NAS MIDWAY

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Originator 164

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To : (Info)

CTF, 4, 9, 16, 17, COMINCH

310357 (310243 to NAS Midway)

CR # 5
CV # 12 / 0503/31

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PARAGRAPH ONE BAKER MY OPLAN 29-42 X BELIEVE ENEMY HAS SET JUNE
 FIFTH ^{OUR} DATE ^{FUR} HIS LANDING ATTACK X THEREFORE ON NIGHT TWO DASH THREE
 JUNE OR FOLLOWING MORNING PRELIMINARY ATTACKS ARE MOST PROBABLE X MY 300527
 AND COMPATWING TWO 300522 X THE RENDEZVOUS MENTIONED OR WITHIN FIFTY
 MILES THEREOF MAY WELL BE USED BY ENEMY FOR FUELING HIS STRIKING FORCES X
 BASED ON ABOVE ESTIMATE OF DATES THIS MAY TAKE PLACE ON THIRTY FIRST OR
 FIRST X TIME OF RENDEZVOUS MAY BE AFTER OWN SEARCHING PLANES REACH OUTER
 LIMIT OF SEARCH X SUGGEST USE OF B-17 ^{Sunday and Monday} STRIKING FORCE TO REACH RENDEZVOUS
 AREA ABOUT 1500 Y IF NO CONTACT REPORT EARLIER X EXPECT NINE OR TEN
 ADDITIONAL B-17 WILL ARRIVE MIDWAY SUNDAY MORNING X

this from Cincpac x CTF 4 and 9 have info x Sent to NAS Midway for action

Date 31 MAY '42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 310359

Info To:

Class: ~~S~~

Originator 16

C. W. O.
REF

To:
MIDWAY

CTF-4, 9

Procedure R

Release 16

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How to

MAKE COMTASKFORCES 4 AND 9 INFO ADDRESSEES OF ALL
YOUR DISPATCHES TO ME

310359

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Date **31 MAY 42**

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From **CINCPAC**

314221

Info To:

To: **ALL TF COMDRS PACFLT**

COMINCH

Classification SECRET	Originator 25	C. W. O. 503
Priority (HNDL)	Release 00, 01	
System RDO	Show to 11, 16,	

**CINC PACIFIC FLEET ESTIMATE MIDWAY FORCE ORGANIZATION X STRIKING
FORCE 4 CARRIERS (AKAGI KAGA HIRYU SORYU) 2 KIRISHIMAS 2 TONE**

**CLASS CRUISERS 12 DESTROYERS SCREEN AND PLANE GUARD X SUPPORT
FORCE 1 CV OR XCV 2 KIRISHIMAS 4 MOGAMIS 1 ATAGO 10 DD SCREEN XX**

**OCCUPATION FORCE 1 TAKAO 1-2 MYOKOS (QUESTION) 1 CHITOSE 1 CHI-
YODA 2-4 KAMIKAWA MARU 4-6 AK 8-12 AP 12 DESTROYERS X APPROXIMATE-**

**LY 16 SS ON RECONNAISSANCE AND SCOUTING MISSION MID PACIFIC-HAWAI-
IAN ISLANDS AREA**

314221

Chono
ORIGINATOR

sent at 2247

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 31 MAY 42

From CINCPAC 312323

To: COMPATWING 2
NAS MIDWAY

Info To:

COMCARPAC (ADWIN)
COM 14
COMINCH
CTF 16, 17

Classification

~~SECRET~~

Precedence

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RDO

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Originator

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11 16

C. W. O.

COMPATWING 2 FLY 6 TBF AIRPLANES TO MIDWAY TOMORROW MONDAY TO
AUGMENT TORPEDO STRIKING FORCE X PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STRENGTH-
ENED TORPEDOES MIDWAY AS PRACTICABLE X NAS MIDWAY RETURN B-17S
TO OAHU AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AFTER COMPLE-
TION ANY B-17 MISSIONS UNDERTAKEN FROM MIDWAY MONDAY

312323

CHRONO.
ORIGINATOR

sent at 0620Z
and MIDWAY
312251 at 2301Z

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 1 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC.....010333.....

Info To:

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17

C. W. O.
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To: COMINCH

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THE ORANGE VB'S IN CONTACT WITH OUR MIDWAY SEARCH PBY'S YESTER-
DAY WERE BOTH TWIN ENGINE X ON PATROL VICINITY 700 MILES WEST OF

MIDWAY THE CUTTLEFISH SIGHTED 3 ENEMY PLANES X TWO COMPANIES
OF AMERICAN TROOPS OCCUPIED ESPRITU SANTO ISLAND NEW HEBRIDES

MAY 28TH WITHOUT INCIDENT X WITHIN THE LIMITS OF FORCES AVAILABLE
TO ME THE DEPLOYMENT TO OPPOSE ENEMY IN BOTH CENTRAL AND NORTH

PACIFIC IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY X I NOW ESTIMATE ENEMY WILL EMPLOY
EMPLOY 34 DESTROYERS AT MIDWAY

010333

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 1 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 410541

Info To

CR 10
CV 9

Classification

SECRET

Originator

95

C. W. O.

WAV

To

NAS MIDWAY

Precedence

PRIOR

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System

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COMM 14
COMPATWING 2

YOUR 010125 X BASED ON YOUR 291030 AND ABOUT 150,000 GALLONS
IN NIRA LUCKENBACK AND 350,000 GALLONS IN KALOLI. ESTIMATE YOUR

TOTAL AVGAS FROM 29 MAY 997,000 GALLONS X WILL ENDEAVOR MAKE
PROVISION FOR REPLENISHMENT BUT MAY BE UNABLE MEET EXPENDITURE

ESTIMATED BY YOU X MAKE EVERY EFFORT CONSERVE SUPPLY BY
REASONABLE CURTAILMENT FLIGHT HOURS X SUBMIT NEW ESTIMATE

BASED ON THIS AND KEEP ME INFORMED DAILY EXPENDITURE

REF: 291030, ESTIMATED DAILY CONSUMPTION AVGAS 75,000 GALS X
SUPPLY ARRIVING KALOLI EXPECTED TO BE EXPENDED APPROX 7 0
JUNE X REQUEST ADDITIONAL 370,000 BY 7 JUNE

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CHRON
ORIGINATOR

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 01 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 010631

Info To:

Classification 0	Originator 13	C. W. O. AML
Precedence R	Release 17	Crypto Group
System CABLE	Show in	1048

To NAS MIDWAY

OWN UNITS APPROACHING MIDWAY 1630 Z/1 X 140 1AM BEARING
098 DISTANCE 255 COURSE 285 X ALSO 1 SS TO PEARL BEARING
142 DISTANCE 245 FROM YOU XX

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CHRONO
ORIGINATOR

sent 0652
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CLASSIFIEDU. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**TACTICAL
OUTGOING**

Date

From CINCPAC 011319

To MIDWAY

Info To:

CABLE

Classification

Release

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Precedence

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System

C. G.

1745

DISTANCE 255 BY DEAD RECKONING SINCE DEPARTURE

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CHRONOLOGICAL

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 1 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 011433

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To:

NAS MIDWAY

Precedence

Release

PPPPPP

System

Show to

CABLE

HAVE B-17'S RETURNED FROM WESTWARD

011433

Subject File

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 1 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 011901

To: CTF 16, 17, 7

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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Precedence

Release

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System

Show to

RDO

17

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM NAS JOHNSTON ADDRESSED
ACTION CINCPAC CTF 4 AND 9 X QUOTE X AREA 261 TO 329 TRUE
SEARCHED TO 500 MILES COVERAGE 90 PERCENT COMPLETE RESULTS
NEGATIVE X SAME SEARCH TOMORROW X UNQUOTE

011901

Chen

ORIGINATOR

*Sent at 1912
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U.S. NAVAL COM' UNIFICATION SERVICE
COMMAN DE LINE CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 1 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 011907

Info To

~~SECRET~~

19

C. W. O.

To: OTF 16, 17, 7

Message
DPPPP

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Radio
RADIO

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM NAS MIDWAY ADDRESSED ACTION CINCPAC INFO
OTF 9 AND COM 14 X QUOTE X COVERAGE DAILY SEARCH FROM MIDWAY
SECTOR 208 TO 220 X PRACTICALLY 100% 208 TO 292 DEGREES X REMAIN-

ING 8 DEGREES SECTORS AS FOLLOWS X 1 X 292 TO 300 X 100 PERCENT
TO 310 MILES X 2 X 50 PERCENT X 3 X 35 PERCENT TO 630 MILES X
4 X 50 PERCENT TO 600 MILES X 6 X 80 PERCENT TO 400 X 7 X 95 TO

300 X 8 X AND 9 X HUNDRED TO 275 X 10 X HUNDRED TO 240 X 11 X
HUNDRED TO 275 MILES X MILD FRONT WITH ZERO ZERO FOG IN NORTHERN
SECTORS ABOUT 300 MILES OUT MOVING EASTWARD XX (NOTE) NUMBER 5

NOT MENTIONED XX UNQUOTE

011907

Chronological
ORIGINATOR

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date JUNE 1, 1942

From CINCPAC #12217

To: NAS MIDWAY

Info To: COMPATWING 2
COM FOURTEEN
COMTASKFOR 16
COMTASKFOR 17
COMDGGEN HAWDEPT

~~SECRET~~ 95

OP-OP 00

RADIO 16 11

#12217

MY 312323 WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE FOR RETURN OF B-17'S ONLY IN
NUMBERS CONSIDERED BY YOU NECESSARY TO RELIEVE CONGESTION X REMAIN-
DER SHOULD BE KEPT AVAILABLE AND USED FOR STRIKING AS LONG AS
SITUATION WARRANTS X THEY SHOULD REMAIN AT LEAST UNTIL ENEMY IS
LOCATED AND IF POSSIBLE ATTACKS DELIVERED X BEAR IN MIND THAT
SITUATION WITH RESPECT ENEMY PLANS MAY BE CHANGING X WILL ADVISE YOU
ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION XX INTERESTED PARTIES INFORMED

#12217

Chronological
-ORIGINATOR

CR 22/2
CV 22/2
CO 15/2

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS UNIT
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date **2 JUNE 42**

From CINC PAC **012235**

To
NAS MIDWAY
CTF 16, 17

Class. Station	Designator	Priority
CONFIDENTIAL	12H	
Precedence	Editorial	
PRIOR	20	
System	Trans. to	
CABLE		

TWO BEARING CUT ON UNIT THOUGHT CONNECTED WITH PLANES AT
2025 GCT WAS APPROX 26N 178.5E FREQUENCY WAS 9220

CV NR 8

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ORIGINATOR

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date JUNE 1, 1942

From CINCPAC 012323

Info To: COMINCH

To: ALL T F COMMANDERS

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	RP
Precedence	Release	
OP-OP	01	
System	Show to	
RADIO	11 16	

012323

AT 0940Y (PLUS 12) TODAY SEARCH PLANE WAS ATTACKED BY TWO ENEMY.
BOMBERS BEARING 231 DISTANCE 560 FROM MIDWAY X

012323

ALL 3 ✓
LT 2534

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date

From CINCPAC 020335

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

To: CONOFF SHORE PAT

COMHAWSEAFRJM

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Precedence

Release

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System

Show to

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SEND TWO SHIPS AT TWENTY KNOTS TO POSITION LAT TWENTY ONE TEN
LONG ONE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT FORTY COVER SUBMARINE CONTACT
SEARCH UNTIL DAYLIGHT

020335

ORIGINATOR

Shore Lt Jg 02046

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 1 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC
COMINCH.
To COMSOPACFOR.
ALL TF COMDRS IN PAC.
OPNAV.

ALL NAV SEA FRONT COMDRS
LES LANT, CARIB, GULF.
ACNB
AZNB
COMDR, NAVAL FORCES EUR
OPE

Classification SECRET	Original 25	C. W. O.
Precedence ROUTINE	Release 21	
DDC KUNXX	16.17	

ENEMY RADIO INTELLIGENCE UNUSUALLY ACTIVE X INDICATION OF FURTHER
AIR MOVEMENTS TO MURILES X ESTIMATED LOCATION OF SUBRONS X FIRST
IN NORTHERN WATERS X SEVENTY NINTH BULLETIN X SECOND PART IN

EMPIRE PART IN EAST INDIES X THIRD OPERATING FROM MARSHALLS X
FOURTH UNLOCATED X FIFTH SAIPAN AND MARSHALLS X SIXTH UNLOCATED X
SEVENTH PART IN TRUK AREA WITH MOST UNITS IN PORT X EIGHTH TIV-

IDED BETWEEN RABAU AND SAIGON X U S PATROL PLANE MADE CONTACT
WITH JAPANESE AIRCRAFT BEARING 231 DEGREES DISTANT 567 MILES
FROM MIDWAY AT 2140 Z 1 JUNE X DOG FOX BEARINGS PLACE JAP UNIT

AT 25 NORTH 178 EAST FAIR FIX

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ORIGINAL

CE#9
CV#13 / 10/1/42

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Date 2 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC #4512/2

Info To:

Classification

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Original

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To:

CINC EASTERN FLEET
NAVAL STAFF HDQS OTTAWA

Precedence

PRIORITY

Release

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System

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Used to

16,17

CONTACT MADE BY PATROL PLANE WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT AT 2140 GCT 1 JUNE
AT POSITION DISTANT 560 MILES FROM MIDWAY BEARING 231 X JAPANESE

SUBRONS ESTIMATED TO BE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS X 5TH IN MARSHALLS AND
SAIPAN AREA X 1ST IN KURILE DASH ALEUTIAN AREA X THIS IS 79TH FROM

CINCPAC X 3RD OPERATING FROM MARSHALLS X 2ND PART IN DUTCH EAST
INDIES PART IN HOME WATERS X 8TH PART IN RABAU PART IN SAIGON X

7TH PART IN TRUK AREA WITH MAJORITY OF UNITS IN PORT X 6TH AND
4TH NOT LOCATED X BY FAIR DOG FOX FIX ENEMY UNIT LOCATED AT

NORTH 26 EAST 178 X JAPANESE RADIO INTELLIGENCE GREATLY INCREASING
IN VOLUMEX FURTHER MOVEMENT OF AIR UNITS TO KURILES INDICATED X

#4512/2

ORIGINATOR *Chen*

sent at 0513

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PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT TISDALE AND TURNER ACCEPTABLE X ADDITIONAL
CAPTAIN FOR CRUDIV COMMANDER RECOMMEND WALTER S DELANY X PROPOSE
EMPLOY TURNER AS COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS FORCE SOUTH PACIFIC X
SHERMAN NOW UNDER ORDERS REPORT COM ELEVEN TEMPORARY DUTY UNTIL
ARRIVAL WASP SAN DIEGO X ASSUME PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT SHERMAN
YOUR HEADQUARTERS JULY WILL BE TEMPORARY ONLY X I DEFINITELY
DESIRE TO RETAIN HIS SERVICES AS A TASK FORCE COMMANDER PACIFIC
FLEET X DESIRE AINSWORTH RELIEVE THEOBALD ^{IF} ~~NEEDED~~ LATTER-^{NEEDED} FOR ~~ASSIGNMENT ON COMPLETION~~ PRESENT SPECIAL DUTY.
~~ASSIGNMENT ON COMPLETION~~ X REQUEST SERVICES THOMAS J KELEHER AS RELIEF
DELANY X WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ~~CRUDIV~~ CRUDIV COMMANDER TO
RELIEVE SPRUANCE

for report to
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Date 2 JUNE 42		U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET		CLASSIFIED OUTGOING	
From	CINCPAC #20555	To	NAS MIDWAY CTF 4, 7, 9, 16, 17	Classified	U.S. O.
To	NAS JOHNSTON			SECRET	95 PD
				Priority	01
				Radio	16 11

MY OPERATION PLAN 29-42 PARAGRAPH 3D5 X UNDER JOHNSTON IS-
LAND CHANGE MEDIAN TO 285 AND EXTEND SLARCH TO 700 MILES
COVERING SECTOR 261 TO 309 X INTERESTED TASK FORCE COMMAND-
ERS INFORMED

#20555

See our #20623 also

#20623

CHRONO ~~ORIGINATOR~~

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 2 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 021935

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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To:

CTF 16,17

CTF 7

Precedence

Release

PRIORITY

01

System

Show to

RDO

11,16

MESSAGE SENT SUBMARINES MIDWAY PATROL THAT OWN CARRIER TASK
FORCES MAY NOW OPERATE TO WESTWARD MERIDIAN MIDWAY AND ORDER-
ING GRENADIER TO CUTTLEFISH PATROL SECTOR X POSSIBILITY SUB-
MARINES MAY NOT RECEIVE ABOVE PROMPTLY

021935

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sent 2414 f

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 2 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 022039

To O.T.F. 16 17

Classification	Priority	C. W. O.
SECRET	01	
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System	Route to	
RADIO	11 16	

EXPECT T.F. 11 SARATOGA CHESTER SAN DIEGO LAFFEY MAHAN SMITH
PRESTON DEPART PEARL ABOUT 6 JUNE X ROUTE AND TENTATIVE RENDEZ-
VOUS WILL BE DESIGNATED BY CINCPAC IN ORDER THAT O.T.F. 17
MAY INTERCEPT X DESIRE THIS FORCE JOIN T.F. 17

022039

ORIGINATOR *Thron*

sent 2112/12

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDEE-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date **2 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 022117**

Info To:

Classification

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Originator

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C. W. O.

To: **NAS MIDWAY**

Procedure

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Reference

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System

CABLE

Show to

**YOUR 020750 REQUEST IMMEDIATE CHECK NUMBER GALLONS GAS
IN TANKS**

022117

ORIGINATOR CHRONOLOGICAL

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 2225

Info To:

Classification

Originator

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To:

CTF 17

Precedence

Release

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System

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RADIO

17 95 11

CTF 16
CTF 7
CTF 4
CTF 3
COMINCH

SUGGEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION MAKING INITIAL AREA OF OPERATIONS
NORTHEASTLY RATHER THAN NORTHEASTERLY FROM MIDWAY IN ORDER TO INSURE
BEING WITHIN EARLY STRIKING DISTANCE OF OBJECTIVES X NO ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION TO CHANGE ESTIMATE OF ENEMY PLANS WHICH INCLUDED A
WEST WESTERLY APPROACH FOR STRIKING FORCE

CTF 1

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 2 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 022319

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To: MIDWAY (OP) CABLE

Priority

Release

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System

Show to

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CINCPAC OPER PLAN 29-42 OF 27 MAY INFORMATION PARAGRAPH SUB BAKER
6 AND 8 X ENEMY MIDWAY OCCUPATION FORCE INCLUDES TWO SPECIAL

PIONEER BATTALIONS TO RESTORE AND SERVICE AIRFIELD FOR IMMEDIATE
USE BY ORANGE PLANES X JAP CARRIERS AND SEAPLANE TENDERS CARRYING

LAND PLANES EARMARKED MIDWAY BASE X HEAVY BOMBERS AND PATROL
PLANES READY TO BE FLOWN IN FROM WAKE X GROUND CREWS MUNITIONS

SUPPLIES AND BASE EQUIPMENT EMBARKED WITH OCCUPATION FORCE X
SPEARHEAD OF LANDING FORCE INDICATED AS JAP MARINES PLUS SPECIAL

ARMY UNIT X PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE INDICATED AS EASTERN ISLAND B
X PARA X THEY ARE EVEN BRINGING GUNS CAPTURED ON WAKE TO DEFEND

OUR ISLANDS X CONFIDENT YOU HAVE THE STUFF TO SMEAR THEIR PLAYS X
WATCH FOR RAZZLE DAZZLE X MIDWAY HAS THIS BY CABLE

022319

ORIGINATOR CHRONOLOGICAL

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 034255

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To: MIDWAY

CTF 4,9

Precedence
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Release
01

System
RDO

Show to
11,16

YOUR 021105 AND OTHER MESSAGES WHICH DEAL WITH SEARCHES
CONTACTS DAMAGE INFLICTED OR RECEIVED SHOULD REACH CINCPAC
IN MINIMUM TIME X USE OP CABLE FREELY.

034255

Handwritten:
A16-3
Sent 0259
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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date JUNE 3 '42

From CINCPAC 34333

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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NAS MIDWAY

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Precedence

Release

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System

How to

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YOUR 11343 AND 120750 MY 011541 X IN VIEW POSSIBILITY
GASOLINE LOSSES MIDWAY AS RESULT OF ATTACK AND POSSIBLE FAILURE

REPLENISHMENT MEASURES NOW PLANNED MUST REITERATE NECESSITY
CONSERVING SUPPLY IN EVERY REASONABLE WAY PENDING DEVELOPMENT

OF SITUATION X WITH SEARCH CONTINUING SUGGEST SOME LIMITATION
OF PATROLS X EARLY MORNING SAFETY FLIGHTS OF HEAVY PLANES X
EMPLOYMENT OF PT BOATS XX COM 14 HAS FOR INFO XX DO NOT INTEND

TO LIMIT YOUR DISCRETION BUT PROBLEM DOES EXIST AND MAY BE
SERIOUS X WHEN FURTHER SUPPLY ARRIVES USE OF PAN AMERICAN TANK
FOR ADDITIONAL STORAGE IS AUTHORIZED X

REF : EXPENDITURE TODAY 72400 X AFTER DEPARTURE ...
REF : 291030 ESTIMATED DAILY CONSUMPTION AVGAS...

191343

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ORIGINATOR

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 030325

Info To:

Classification

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Originator

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To:

MIDWAY (CABLE)
CTF 4 7 9 16 17

Precedence

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Release

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System

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11 17

SUCCESSFUL AND TIMELY EMPLOYMENT STRIKING FORCES CURRENT OPERA-
TIONS ALMOST WHOLLY DEPENDENT ON RELIABLE COMBAT INTELLIGENCE
WITH EMPHASIS ON ENEMY COMPOSITION POSITION AND CONDITION X
DAMAGE TO ENEMY MUST BE CAREFULLY EVALUATED AND ONLY REASONABLY
CERTAIN RESULTS BE REPORTED X REPORTS MUST GET THROUGH PROMPTLY

030325

Subject File

A16-3
per 04204

Date 23 JUNE 1942

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 130357

To GUIN

DTG 4 9 7 16, 17
NAS MIDWAY
COMDESPAC (ADM)

Classification	12	C. W. O.
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DEPART PEARL 1730 GCT 3 JUNE X PROCEED VIA KAIBAI CHANNEL
TO A POINT 300 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY TO ARRIVE LOCAL
NOON 6 JUNE X MY OPLAN 29-42 EFFECTIVE FOR YOU UPON
DEPARTURE X YOU WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ORDER FROM
CTF 16 TO JOIN HIM OR FROM ME

130357

CHRONOLOGICAL
ORIGINATOR

Sent at 1428 4

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 030503

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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Release

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To:

NAS MIDWAY

CTF 4, 9
COMGENHAWDEPT

MAKE READY ONE B-17 FOR DISTANT RECONNAISSANCE BY USING ADDITION-
AL BOMB BAY TANK FROM ANOTHER PLANE SAME TYPE X DIRECTIVE WILL
FOLLOW X CINCPAC ORIGINATOR

030503

Subject File

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 3 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 030525	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: NAS MIDWAY	CTF 4, 9 COMGENHAWDEPT	SECRET	95	L
		Precedence	Release	
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MT 030503 MAKE RECONNAISSANCE TO OR IN VICINITY OF WAKE

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Subject File

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sent at 0542

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 030637

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

To: MIDWAY

CTF 4

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Precedence

Release

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System

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CABLE

THERE WILL BE NO FRIENDLY UNITS WITHIN FOUR HUNDRED MILES OF
YOUR STATION 1630Z/3 JUNE EXCEPT THOSE ON PATROL IN ASSIGNED
AREAS X FROM CINCPAC

030637

CHRONOLOGICAL sent at 0659
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**U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **23 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 031909**

Info To:

Classification

Originator

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To: **ALL T.F. COMDRS.**

COMINCH

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11, 15

RECENT ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES PACIFIC OCEAN
AREAS BELIEVED RECONNAISSANCE X FROM CINCPAC X
INDICATIONS THEIR ORDERS NOW CHANGED TO ATTACK

031909

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1942

Date 3 JUNE '42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 032153

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To:

ALL TF COMDRS

COMINCH
COMGENHAWDEPT

Precedence

Reference

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RDO

PATROL PLANE BEARING 247 DISTANT 470 MILES FROM MIDWAY RE-
PORTS SIGHTING 2 ORANGE CARGO VESSELS X PLANE CONTINUED
SEARCH X ORANGE MAIN BODY SIGHTED 261 DISTANT 700 FROM
MIDWAY ABOUT 2100Z/3

032153

CR # 31 T REST
CV # 36
PP logged

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2200Z/3
Sent at 2200

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **13 JUNE 1942**

From CINCPAC 032201	Info To:	Classification CON.	Originator 16	C. W. O.
To: MIDWAY		Precedence O-P	Release 11	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

FORCE REPORTED IS BELIEVED TO BE ATTACK AND OCCUPATION FORCE X
STRIKING FORCE EXPECTED TO BE SEPARATED

CINCPAC

*A 16 B
Sent at 2208*

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 3 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 032207	Info To:	Classification S	Originator 16	C. W. O. REV
To:		Precedence P	Release 11	
ALL TF COMDRS	COMINCH	System RDO	Show to	

FORCE REPORTED BY 032103 BELIEVED TO BE ATTACK AND
OCCUPATION FORCE X STRIKING FORCE EXPECTED TO BE
SEPARATED

REF: PATROL PLANE BEARING 247 DISTANT 470 MILES FROM
MIDWAY REPORTS SIGHTING TWO ORANGE CARGO VESSELS
X

032207

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 4-JUNE-42

From CINCPAC 040017

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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System

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RDO

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To: ALL TF COMDRS

COMINCH

MY 032153 AMPLIFYING REPORT REFERRING TO MAIN BODY GIVES
11 SHIPS COURSE 090 SPEED 19

REF: 032153 MIDWAY REPORTS SIGHTING 2 ORANGE CARGO
VESSELS X

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040019

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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RJR

To: ALL TF COMDRS

Precedence

Release

PPPPPP

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System

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RADIO

MIDWAY REPORTS 2 CARGO VESSELS AND 2 SMALLER VESSELS REPORTED
COURSE 050 BEARING 251 DISTANCE 570

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 043025

Info To

To MIDWAY

Classification	12
Precedence	Release
PRIORITY	01
System	12, 16, 18

UNLESS KALOLI IS NEEDED GET THAT SHIP AND VIREO CLEAR OF
HARBOR BEFORE DAYLIGHT 4 JUNE TO PROCEED TO A POINT 30 MILES
EAST OF PEARL AND HERMES AND AWAIT ORDERS THERE

043025

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OUTGOING

Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 64059

To CLARK

Info To

TASK FORCE COMDRS
PAC FLT
COMDEBPAC
THORNTON

Classification

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Exemptions

ROUTINE

System

RDO

Originator

12

Reference

01

Class. by

11, 13,

(16, 20)

DEPART PEARL 0300Z/4 JUNE X PROCEED AT FIFTEEN KNOTS TO POINT
FIFTY MILES SOUTH FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AND PATROL IN THAT
VICINITY UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS X TASK GROUP 2.0 ASSIGNED X
COMMUNICATIONS PAC 70 EXCEPT GUARD 4205 SERIES X INFORMATION
ACCORDANCE OPLAN 29-42 COPY FURNISHED AND IN MEMO BY HAND

GO CLARK

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ORIGINATOR

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From	CINCPAC 040245 040457 (MIDWAY)	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	COMINCH	COMGENHAWDEPT ✓ COMHAWSEAFRON ✓ COMWESTSEAFRON ✓ COMNORWESTSEAFRON ✓ ALL TF COMDRS ✓ CO MIDWAY ✓	SEC	17	Di
			Precedence	Release	
			ROUTINE	00, 0	
			System	Show to	
			RDO	16, 1	

DAYS DEVELOPMENTS TO PRESENT TIME APPARENTLY SUMMARIZE AS
FOLLOWS X THIS MORNING THERE WAS AN ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE OF

DUTCH HARBOR AND VICINITY X BELIEVE REPORT OF CARRIER THERE
WAS ERRONEOUS AND OUR SEARCH HAS NOT LOCATED NORTHERN ATTACK

FORCE X AT MIDWAY A GROUP OF SHIPS PROBABLY COMBATANT FIRST
SIGHTED 700 MILES WEST MAY BE ESCORT GROUP HEADING TOWARD A

RENDEZVOUS WITH THE OCCUPATION FORCE VESSELS SIGHTED CLOSER
IN X BELIEVE THE STRIKING FORCE HAS NOT YET BEEN LOCATED X ✓

9 B-17S ARE ENROUTE TO ATTACK THE SUPPOSED ESCORT GROUP AND
6 MORE ARE MOVING FROM HERE TO MIDWAY X THERE IS NOT ENOUGH

YET IN PICTURE AT EITHER PLACE TO CONFIRM OR DENY MY PREVIOUS
ESTIMATES OR TO WARRANT CHANGE IN INITIAL DEPLOYMENTS

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040245

CV 6
REST

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Date JUNE 4 1942

From CINCPAC 040459

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To:

CTF 16 , 17

Precedence

Release

PRIOR

31

System

Show to

RADIO

THIS FROM MIDWAY BEING PASSED BY CINCPAC QUOTE TWO PATROL PLANES
TO NORTH REPORTED SIGHTING OBSERVATION PLANE BUT CONTINUING
SEARCH X BELIEVED FROM SPRUANCE UNQUOTE

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Date

From CINCPAC 04 517

Info To:

Classification
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Originator
17

C. W. O.
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To: MIDWAY

Precedence
ROUTINE

Release
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System
CABLE

Show to
11 16

ASSUME YOUR REPORT OF MAIN BODY AND SUBSEQUENT SAME SUBJECT
ARE OF SAME FORCE X IT WOULD BE OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IF
DESPATCHES SO INDICATED CLEARLY AND GIVE TYPE NUMBER COURSE
SPEED X

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040521

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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JEC

To: MIDWAY

CTF 4

Precedence

Release

Crypto

ROUTINE

95

System

Show to

CABLE

FRIENDLY UNITS FOR 4 JUNE SAME AS MY 030637 X

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Date 04 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040711	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 18	C. W. O. MCH
To:		Precedence PRIOR	Release 01	
ALL T.F. COMDRS	COMINCH	System RADIO	Show to 11, 16	

9 B-17'S FROM MIDWAY ATTACKED 3 BATTLESHIPS OF
THE FORCE REPORTED TODAY AS ENEMY MAIN BODY X
ONE LEFT ON FIRE X 2 NEAR MISSES ON 2ND X RESULTS
NOT OBSERVED ON 3RD X IT IS ASSUMED CARRIERS
WERE NOT WITH THIS FORCE

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Date 04 JUNE 42

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From	CINCPAC 040801	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	ALL T.F. COMDRS MIDWAY		SECRET	16	MCH
			Precedence	Release	
			ROUT	00, 01	
			System	Show to	
				11	

THE SITUATION IS DEVELOPING AS EXPECTED X CARRIERS
OUR MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE SHOULD SOON BE
LOCATED X TOMORROW MAY BE THE DAY YOU CAN GIVE
THEM THE WORKS

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Date JUNE 4, 1942

From CINCPAC 040811	Info To: COMINCH	Classification SECRET	Originator 18	C. W. O. RD
To: ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS CTFXX06XX CTFXX17X		Precedence PRIORITY	Release 11	
		System RADIO	Show to 16 17	

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SUPPLEMENTARY VERBAL REPORT ON ENEMY FORCE REPORTED AS MAIN
BODY GIVES COMPOSITION AS TWO TO THREE BB'S, ONE CV, TWO TO
THREE CA'S X TOTAL VESSELS WERE ELEVEN X COURSE 090 SPEED 18
IN TWO COLUMNS BB'S IN VAN OF LEFT COLUMN CV THIRD OR FOURTH
SHIP A LITTLE OFF IN POSITION X SENDING FOUR CATALINAS WITH
FISH TO ATTACK BY LIGHT OF MOON

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 040959

Info To:

To:

T F COMDRS PACFLT

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	RR
Precedence	Release	
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System	Show to	
RADIO	12	

RESULTS MIDWAY AIR SEARCH 3RD X 200 TO 292 COVERAGE GENERALLY
100% X 292 TO 332 GENERALLY 80% X IN SECTOR 332 TO 020 GENERALLY
75% UP TO 450 MILES BUT BEYOND THAT ZERO VISIBILITY



Int at 1009

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 041035	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O. RJR
To: ALL TF COMS PAC	COMINCH	Precedence PPPPPP	Release 17	
		System RADIO	Show to 95	

AMPLIFYING MYDIS 040711 X LATER REPORT SAME FORCE BY RETURN-
ING PILOT GAVE COMPOSITION AS TWO TO THREE BATTLESHIPS ONE

CARRIER TWO TO THREE HEAVY CRUISERS TOTAL 11 SHIPS IN TWO
COLUMNS BATSHIPS LEADING PORT COLUMN X POSITION AT 0434Z/4

WAS BEARING 261 DISTANCE 574 FROM MIDWAY INDICATING COURSE
MADE GOOD 081 SPEED 18 KNOTS SINCE FIRST SIGHTING X RESULTS

B17 ATTACK ONE BATTSHIP ONE TRANSPORT AFIRE X 4 PATROL PLANE
AMPHIBS ARE NOW ENROUTE TO MAKE MOONLIGHT TORPEDO ATTACK

REF: (040711)--9 B-17'S FROM MIDWAY ATTACKED 3 BATTLESHIPS ... X
IT IS ASSUMED CARRIERS WERE NOT WITH THIS FORCE

041035

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From CINCPAC 041203	Info To:	Classification SEC	Originator 17	C. W. O. RLK
To: CTF 7, 16, 17	COMINCH	Precedence PPP	Release 17	
		System RDO	Show to	

AGAIN AMPLIFYING MY 040711 MAIN BODY WITH DD SCREEN IN 3
COLUMNS CENTER COLUMN 7 SHIPS WITH 4 BB OR CA IN MIDDLE X
WING COLUMNS 6 TO 8 MIXED CL AND AP X RESULTS OF ATTACKS
ONE HIT ON LARGEST SIZE SHIP STARTED FIRES ALSO ONE NEAR
MISS X OTHER LARGEST SIZE SHIP ONE HIT TWO NEAR MISSES X
HIT ON AP SET IT ON FIRE X HEAVY AA FIRE ONLY MINOR DAMAGE
TO PLANES X BOMBING ALTITUDE 8 TO 10 THOUSAND FEET

041203

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 041505

Info To:

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
16

C. W. O.
RJR/

To: ALL TF COMS PAC

COMINCH

Precedence
PPPPPP

Release
16

System
RADIO

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CATALINAS OF TORPEDO ATTACK GROUP REPORTS BEING ATTACKED
BY AIRCRAFT AT 1415 GCT 4TH BEARING 260 FROM MIDWAY DIS-
TANCE ESTIMATED 500 MILES

041505

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Date 4 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 041527	Info To:	Classification S	Originator 13	G. W. O. REN
To:		Precedence OP	Release 16	Copy
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CATALINA TORPEDO GROUP COMPLETED ATTACK ON MAIN BODY
DISTANCE 500 BEARING 260 FROM MIDWAY X RESULTS UNRE-
PORTED

041527

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 041617

Info To:

To ALL TF COMDRS

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SEC	13	RLK
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
PPP	16	
System	Show to	
RDO	95	

VP TORPEDO PLANE REPORTS ONE HIT ON LARGE TRANSPORT X TEN
SHIPS IN COMPANY SPEED 13 BEARING 260 DISTANCE 500 FROM
MIDWAY ABOUT 1430 GCT 4TH

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From CINCPAC 041803	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: ALL TASKFOR COMS COMGENHAWDEPT	COMINCH	SECRET	16	TRH
		Precedence	Release	
		PRIORITY	16	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO		

FIFTEEN B-17'S NOW ENROUTE TO ATTACK MAIN BODY BUT WILL BE DIVERTED
IF CARRIERS ARE DISCOVERED X PRESENCE OF CARRIER WITH MAIN BODY
NOT CONFIRMED BUT AIRCRAFT OF SOME TYPE WERE IN ITS VICINITY AT
1430Z

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CR NR 21
CV NR 21

T Rest

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 041807

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

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18

RR

To:

ALL T F COMDRS

Precedence

Release

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System

Show to

RADIO

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MIDWAY SEARCH PLANE REPORTS SIGHTING 1 SEAPLANE BEARING 320 DIS-
TANCE 100 X WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL SEAPLANE NOT STATED

041807

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 41809

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~ 18 TRH

To ALL TF COMS

COMINCH

Precedence Release

URGENT 18

COMGENHAWDEPT

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MANY PLANES HEADING MIDWAY FROM 320 DISTANT 150 MILES

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From CINCPAC 041823	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RR
To:		Precedence OP	Release 01	
ALL T F COMDRS		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

PLANE REPORTS 2 CV AND MAIN BODY BEARING 320 COURSE 135 SPEED 25
DISTANT 180 FROM MIDWAY X THAT STATION ATTACKING WITH HEAVY PLANES

041823

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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 041847

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To: ALL TASKFOR COM

COMINCH

Precedence

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MIDWAY REPORTS AIR RAID AT 041835



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Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 041857

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	TRH
Precedence	Release	
PRIORITY	16	
System	Show to	
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To: COMWESEAFRON
COMNORWESEAFRON
COMGENHARDEPT

COMINCH

AT 041804 PLANE REPORTS 2 CV AND OTHER SHIPS BEARING 320 DEGREES
DISTANT 180 MILES FROM MIDWAY ON COURSE 135 SPEED 25 X WILL BE A
ATTACKED BY ALL AVAILABLE PLANES X DUTCH HARBOR AT 041720 REPORTS
1 CV AND 2 DD BEARING 210 DEGREES DISTANT 240 MILES COURSE 150 X
2 CATALINAS WITH TORPEDOES ENTOUTE ATTACK X MIDWAY UDERGOING AIR
RAID AT 041835 X ALL TIMES GCT

CORRECTED COPY

041857



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From CINCPAC 041905

Info To:

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Originator

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Release

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System

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RADIO

11 16

To:

CTF 16
CTF 17

COMINCH

SUBMARINES ON CIRCLES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO CLOSE ENEMY CARRIERS
X COMTASKFORCE 7 041837

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From CINCPAC 042007

Info To:

Classification
SECRET

Originator
17

C. W. O.
RR

To:
COMINCH
ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS
COMGENHAWDEPT

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Release
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System
RADIO

Show to
11 16

FIRST REPORT MIDWAY AIR RAID X EASTERN ISLAND POWER HOUSE DESTROYED X MAIN AVGAS SUPPLY THERE INTACT X RUNWAYS ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED NO REAL HINDRANCE TO LANDING X INCOMPLETE REPORT AA FIRE GOT 8 JAP PLANES

042007

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From CINCPAC 042033

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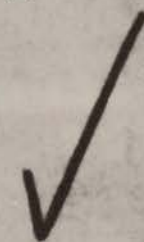
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TU 4.1.4

TF COMSPACFLT
MIDWAY (CABLE)

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SECRET	12	TDL
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RENDEZVOUS AT 1800 Z/6 JUNE IN LATITUDE 25-45 NORTH LONGITUDE 175-00
WEST X GUADALUPE TRANSFER CAPACITY LOAD AVGAS TO KALOLI X COMPLETION
KALOLI VIREO RALPH TALBOT PROCEED MIDWAY TO ENTER ONE HOUR AFTER LOCAL
SUNSET SEVEN JUNE X GUADALUPE BLUE PROCEED TO AND REMAIN WITHIN FIFTY
MILES OF LATITUDE 23-00 NORTH LONGITUDE 170-00 WEST UNTIL FURTHER
ORDERS



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Date JUNE 4 1942

From CINCPAC 042 45.....	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O. WBM
To: COMSERFORPAC	CLARK	Precedence PRIOR	Release 01	C G
		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

DIRECT NAVAJO LOAD SALVAGE AND RESCUE GEAR AND PERSONNEL
AND PROCEED A POINT FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AND
THERE JOIN CLARK X FURTHER ORDERS FOR BOTH SHIPS LATER X
CLARK IS TASK GROUP 2.8 X NAVAJO TASK UNIT 2.8.2

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From CINCPAC 042056	Info To:	Classification REST	Originator 20	C. V. O. NRF
To: MIDWAY		Precedence PRIORITY	Release 11	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

HONOLULU VIA CPC CK 19 GOVT 1:20PM FOURTH
NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY 042056

NPM HAS TELETYPE FROM CABLE OFFICE AND HAS TRANSMITTERS
AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE IF NEEDED BT

CINCPAC

SENT AT 2302/13/

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From CINCPAC 042111

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To:

COMINCH
ALL TF COMS

4 CA 2 AO 2 AK WITH DD SCREEN 265 DEGREES DISTANT 400 FROM
MIDWAY ON COURSE 085 AT 042043

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 42140

Info To:

To: NAS MIDWAY

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CABLE		

ORANGE CV IS HOMING PLANES AT 2130 GCT

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 042151	Info To:	Classification SEC	Originator 17	C. W. O. VAN
To: ALL TF COMDRS COMINCH		Precedence OP	Release 17	
		System RADIO	Show to	

MIDWAY REPORTS B-17 DAMAGED ONE CV X SINGLE ENGINE SEAPLANE
RECONNOITERING LISIANSKI X AT 2130 GCT ORANGE CV HOMING PLANES

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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 42259

Info To:

Classification SECRET	Origin 25	C. W. O. ECW
Precedence -0-	Release 16-17	Crypto
System RDO	Show to 16-17	

To: ALL TF COMS PAC

UNKNOWN JAP ORIGINATOR SAYS IN PLAIN LANGUAGE QUOTE INFORM
US POSITION ENEMY CARRIERS

CR # 34
OV # 33

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From CINCPAC 042301	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RR
To: ALL T F COMDRS COMINCH COMGENHAWDEPT		Precedence OP	Release 17	
		System RADIO	Show to 01 11 16	

MIDWAY PLANES ATTACKING GROUP BEARING 320 DEGREES FROM THERE SAW
2 CV PLUS 8 TO 10 SHIPS AND REPORT HEAVY FIGHTER PROTECTION ABOUT
10 MILES OUT FROM FORMATION X TORPEDOES WERE DROPPED BUT RESULTS
NOT OBSERVED X DIVE BOMBERS FROM MIDWAY HIT 1 CV EITHER AMIDSHIPS
OR FORWARD WITH 2 BOMBS RESULTING IN EXTREMELY HEAVY COLUMN OF
SMOKE FROM CV X VESSELS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BEARING 265 FROM
MIDWAY NOW BEAR 262 DISTANCE 330 AND MAY INCLUDE BB OR CV X IN
ALASKA THEATRE PLANES WITH BOMBS AND TORPEDOES NOW ENROUTE TO
ATTACK 1 POSSIBLY 2 CV'S ABOUT 280 MILES E DUTCH HARBOR

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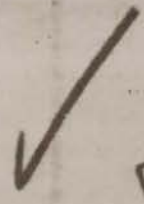
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Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 42331	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 95	C. W. O. RLC
To: WAS MIDWAY (CABLE)	CTF 16 17 7 4 9	Precedence OP	Release 01	
		System RDO	Show to 11 16	

CONGRATULATIONS ON MAGNIFICENT JOB ALL HANDS HAVE BEEN DOING
X KEEP ON POURING IT TO THEM X EXPECT DIVIDENDS SOON FROM OUR
OTHER TASK FORCES YOUR VICINITY X YOUR 042105 WAS DAMAGED CAR-
RIER REPORTED BY FORTRESSES IN FORCE WEST OF MIDWAY OR NORTH-
WEST X GIVE BEST ESTIMATE PRESENT POSITIONS ENEMY CARRIERS

CRV 36
CV 35



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sent Midway 2341g

3331
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Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 4 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 042340	Info To:	Classification CONF	Originator 01	C. W. O. HRF
To: MIDWAY		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

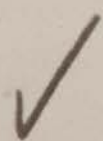
XXXX HONOLULU VIA CPC CK 27 GOVT 205PM FOURTH
PRIORITY NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY 042340

IN MAKING REPORTS PLEASE INDICATE POSITION OF FORCES REFERRED
TO IN ORDER THAT CORRECT INFORMATION MAY BE SENT OUT

CINCPAC

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

SENT AT 2344/MUX/IB/



042340

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 042349	Info To	Classification CONF	Originator 20	C. W. O. WJE
To TASK FORCES 11 16 17		Precedence R	Release 17	Crypto
		System RDO	Show to 25	

MIDWAY REPORTS ORANGE PLANES USING 370 KCS FOR HOMING X ALSO
REPORTS THAT AT 2305 HEARD SOSO CALLING HANO4 THAT FREQUENCY
BEARING 329 FROM MIDWAY

042349

✓
sent 0424/4

Subject File

**U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 4 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050045

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~ 01

RLC

To: ALL TF COMS PAC

Precedence Release

~~URGENT~~ 01

System Show to

RDO

MIDWAY REPORTS CV LAST SEEN DIST 135 BEARING 320 COURSE
125 SPEED 18 AT 0930 Y (PLUS 12) 4TH

~~CR #1
CV #1~~

✓

050045

sent at 0504

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050052

Info To:

Classification
~~CONF.~~

Originator

34

C. W. O.

HRF

To: MIDWAY

Precedence

Release

Crypto

--OP--

System

Show to

CABLE

XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK29 GOVT 320PM FOURTH
NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 050052

COMTASKFORCE 17 ATTACKED 2 ENEMY CARRIERS REPORTED IN CINCPAC
041843 X HAS NO INDICATION OF LOCATION ADDITIONAL CARRIERS
WHICH HAVE SIGHTED THIS FORCE

CINCPAC

--SENT AT 0058/1B/--

050052

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050056

Info To:

To MIDWAY (CABLE PLAIN)

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
CONF	25	HRF
Precedence	Release	Crypto
ROUTINE	01	
System	Show to	
CABLE		

HONOLULU VIA CPG CK15 GOVT 320PM FOURTH
NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY BT 050056

REQUEST ALL JAP DOCUMENTS RECOVERED BE SENT CINCPAC NEXT
PLANE BOUND HERE

SENT AT 0102/IB/

050056

Subject File

5 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

CINCPAC 050103

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	01	RR
Precedence	Release	Crypto
P	01	
System	Show to	
RADIO	11 16	

ALL T F COMDRS

COMINCH
COMGENHAWDEPT

DAMAGE SUMMARY X FORCE ORIGINALLY BEARING 261 DISTANCE 700 FROM
MIDWAY 1 BOMB HIT BB 1 ON AP 1 TORPEDO HIT AP X FORCE ORIGINALLY
BEARING 320 DISTANCE 180 2 BOMB OR TORPEDO HITS ON BB X 1 HIT ON
SECOND BB 2 BOMB HITS ON CV X CV REPORTED SMOKING X

050103

Subject File

✓
sent 020514

J. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050129	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. EW
To: HORNET	CTF 16 & 17	Precedence -OP-	Release 01	
		System RDO	Show to 16, 11	

11 YOUR PLANES LANDED MIDWAY 2325 GCT FOR GAS

050129



Sent at 0137 1/2

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050131

Info To:

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
30

C. W. O.
ECW

To:

CTF 16

COMINCH

Precedence
-0-

Release
30

System
RDO

Show to

IN HIS 050035 CTF 17 REPORTS QUOTE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY
AIR 150 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY

050131



Sent at 0436Z

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050145

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

17

RLC

To:

ALL TF COMS PAC

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

Crypto

OP

01

System

Show to

RDO

16 11

POSITION MARKED IN ENGLISH NUMERALS ON DEAD JAP AVIATOR
31-11 178-09 X MIDWAY REPORTS HIS PATROLS HAVE ONLY SEEN
2 CARRIERS

050145

✓
sent at 0147Z

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050147

Info To:

Classification

Origin

O.

~~SECRET~~

34

RR

Precedence

Release

Crypto
Group

URGENT

30

System

Show to

RADIO

To:

CTF 17

MIDWAY SENDING BOMRON 8 OF 11 PLANES TO ATTACK ENEMY CARRIERS TO
NORTHWARD X ORDERS RETURN TO MIDWAY UNLESS MITSCHER LOCATED

050147

Subject File

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sent 0148 1/4

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC *0153/5*

Info To:

Classification

~~CONF.~~

Originator

20

C. *✓* O. *5*

To:

MIDWAY

Precedence

PRIORITY

Release

System

CABLE

Show to

XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK26 GOVT 415PM FOURTH
NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY PRIORITY

YOUR ~~050110~~ CINCPAC HAD NO ~~041843~~ X THINK COMTASKFOR 17 MEANT
~~041823~~ WHICH CONTAINED SUBSTANCE YOUR 1804 BUT WAS NOT SENT TO
YOU

SENT AT 0153/IB/

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050210

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W/O.

~~SECRET~~

34

To:

MIDWAY

Precedence

Release

Crypto
Group

OP

System

Show to

CABLE

COMTASKFOR 17 REPORTS ATTACKED BY AIR 150 MILES NORTH OF
MIDWAY

SENT AT 0216/FR

050210

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
 OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 05233	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. OA
To: CFF 16 CTF 17		Precedence OP	Release 17	
		System RDO	Show to	

ORANGE ON 255 KID SEA 3 335 341 FROM MIDWAY AT 050150

050233

✓
 sent at 0244

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date

5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050230

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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To:

MIDWAY

CTF 16 17 4 9 7

Precedence

Release

OP

01

System

Show to

CABLE RADIO

TASK FORCE 17 WAS ATTACKED 150 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY AT 0035 GCT
X TASK FORCE 16 IS HEADING THAT AREA TO JOIN 17 X HIT ANY FORCES
OTHER THAN THE ABOVE TODAY OR TONIGHT X INFORMATION ADDRESSEES
TELL MIDWAY IF THIS UNSATISFACTORY X YOUR 050147

050230

050303

Subject File

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ad 0508
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Date 5 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050305	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RLC
To: CTF 16 17		Precedence OP	Release 17	
		System RDO	Show to	

AT 050226 THREE ORANGE UNITS BORE 331 FROM MIDWAY X BEARINGS
RATED FAIR X 295 KCS

050305

Subject File

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Sent at 0314Z

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050308

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. V. O.
SECRET	308	J
Precedence	Release	
OP		
System	Show to	
CABLE		

To: MIDWAY

YORKTOWN SAYS HE WILL HAVE TEN SCOUTS RETURNING FROM SEARCH
ABOUT 1700 AND WILL SEND THEM TO YOUR BASE

SENT AT 0310

050308

Subject File

DATE 5 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

FROM CINCPAC 354317

Info To

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

Exemption

Release

Crypto
Group

URGENT

System

Show to

CABLE

TO CTF 16 AND 17

MIDNAY

ENEMY UNIT REPORTS SOME UNIT BEARING 090 DIST 40 MILES ON COURSE
180 AT 0235 OCT

SENT AT 0321/FR

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050321

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	34	L
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
OP	34	
System	Show to	
RDO		

To: COMINCH
ALL TASK FORCE COMS

COMTASKFOR 17 REPORTS BEING ATTACKED HEAVILY BY AIR X CINCPAC
RELAYS HIS PLAIN LANGUAGE 050247

050321

Subject File

~~050321~~
sent 0330/0

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050324	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator	C. W. O.
To: NAS MIDWAY		Precedence ROUTINE	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

NO US FORCES WITHIN 400 MILES MIDWAY 0700 VW 5 JUNE EXCEPT
SHIPS ON ASSIGNED STATIONS AND TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 LOCATION
UNKNOWN

SENT AT 0334/FR

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Subjct File

sent 0354/B

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050335	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator	C. W. O.
To MIDWAY		Precedence URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

BETWEEN 2130 AND 2300 GCT AIRGROUPS FROM TASK FORCES 16 AND 17
MADE ATTACK ON CARRIERS OF ENEMY FORCE CONSISTING OF PROBABLY

FOUR CARRIERS TWO BATTLESHIPS FOUR HEAVY CRUISERS AND SIX DESTR-
OYERS X ALL FOUR OF THE CARRIERS BELIEVED BY COMTASKFORCE 16

TO BE BADLY DAMAGED AND ONE OR TWO OTHER HEAVY SHIPS ARE CLAIMED
TO HAVE BEEN HIT X OUR PLANE LOSSES WERE HEAVY X ENEMY WAS

MANEUVERING AT 2215 GCT IN APPROXIMATE POSTION 3048 NORTH
17830 WEST X COMTASKFORCE 16 REQUESTS POSITIONS OF ENEMY UNITS

AND TRACKING DATA AS PRACTICABLE X CINCPAC

SENT AT 0340

Subject File

*sent 0340
B*

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 50341	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RLC
To: ALL TF COMS PAC	COMINCH	Precedence PRIOR	Release 01	
		System RDO	Show to 16 11	

PATROL PLANES REPORT FOLLOWING FROM MIDWAY TODAY X AT 0945
Y (PLUS 12) 4 CA 2 AO 2 AK BEARING 264 DISTANT 400 COURSE
85 SPEED 12 X AT 1000 Y (12) 8 CRUISERS BEARING 265 DISTANT 430
COURSE 80 SPEED 25 X 2 SEATER CRUISER PLANES ATTACKED PBY'S
THESE LOCATIONS X MIGHT BE SAME FORCE SIGHTED BY 2 PLANES

50341

✓

210106
B

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050345	Info To:	Classification CONF	Originator 13	C. W. O.
To:		Precedence URGENT	Release 95	Crypto Group
MIDWAY		System CABLE	Show to	

GIVE TF 17 AIR SUPPORT IMMEDIATELY AS PRACTICABLE

SENT AT 0346/FR

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sent 0346/FR

Subject File

Date 5 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From: CINCPAC 050347 050339)	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator	C. W. O.
To: CTF 16 CTF 17 MIDWAY		Precedence URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

MY 050317 SAME ENEMY UNIT AT ZERO THREE FIFTEEN GCT REPORTS QUOTE
BEARING ONE ZERO TWO DISTANCE 120 COURSE 280 SPEED 24 UNQUOTE

SENT AT 0348

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Sent 0348
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Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050355

Info To:

Classification

~~SECRET~~

Originator

17

C. W. O.

ECW

To: ALL TF COMS PAC
COMGENHAWDEPT
COMINCH
COMSOUPAC

Precedence

-OP-

Release

17

System

RDO

Show to

BETWEEN 2130 AND 2300 GCT TODAY AIR FROM TF 16 AND 17 ATTACKED
ENEMY FORCE BELIEVED CONSIST OF 4 CV 2 BB 4 CA 6 DD X BELIEVE

BADLY DAMAGED ALL 4 CV AND OTHER SHIPS HIT X OUR PLANE LOSSES
HEAVY X AT 2215 GCT ENEMY IN APPROXIMATE POSITION LAT 30-38 N

LONG 178-30 W MANEUVERING

050355

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Subiect File

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050401

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	19	L
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
PPPPPP	34	
System	Show to	

To: ALL TASKFORCOMS PAC

RELAYING MIDWAY 050219 XX ON 255 AT 0206 UNIDENTIFIED ORANGE UNIT
EXCELLENT BEARING 331 STRENGTH 5 X ALSO ON 255 BEARING 330 SAYA
CALLING MOKA STRENGTH 5 X ALSO ON 255 SAYA BEARING 330 CALLING
SESE AT 0213 X APPEARS TO CONTROL CIRCUIT X ALL DF LOW FREQ BEAR-
INGS UNILATERAL X

CV / # 8
CR / # 11

✓
sent 0509

050401

Subject File

Date 5 JUNE 1942

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050420

Info To:

To:

MIDWAY

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	33/12	
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
URGENT		
System	Show to	
CABLE		

MY 050335 CORRECT POSITION TO READ 3038 NORTH 17830 WEST

SENT AT 0424/FR

050420

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050443

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

~~SEC~~ 12 ISC

To: TASK FORCE COMDRS

Precedence Release

OP OP 95

System Show to

RDO

6 B-17'S ENROUTE FROM MIDWAY TO GIVE AIR COVER TO TASKFORCE 17 X
THE 6 OF SAME TYPE ENROUTE FROM PEARL ARE BEING DIVERTED TO
ATTACK ENEMY BEARING 338 DISTANCE 170 FROM MIDWAY X SEARCH PLANE
REPORTED 3 BURNING SHIPS NEAR CONTACT

050443

Subject File

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050453

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SEC~~

17

JSC

Precedence

Release

OP

17

System

Show to

RDO

To: ALL TF CMDRS

COMINCH

MIDWAY SENDING 6 FORTRESSES TO ATTACK REPORTED 3 BURNING ENEMY SHIPS BEARING 321 DEGREES DISTANCE 177 FROM THERE

CV / # 11
CR / # 13

050453

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sent 0512/42

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050500	Info To:	Classification PLAIN	Originator 12	C. W. O. WWK
To: CTF 17		Precedence OP	Release 95	
		System	Show to	

URDIS BT 0430 AFFIRMATIVE

REF: COMTASKFORCE 17 TRANSFERRED FLAG TO ASTORIA X YORKTOWN
HIT BY AT LEAST THREE BOMBS BADLY DAMAGED DEAD IN WATER
BUT APPARENTLY SEAWORTHY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED TASK
FORCE 17 WILL PROTECT AND SALVAGE YORKTOWN TASK FORCE 16
WILL CONTINUE ENGAGE ENEMY X YORKTOWN POSITION LAT 30
48 LONG 76 53

050500

Subject File

Date 5 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 050515

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	RR
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
URGENT	95	
System	Show to	
RADIO		

To: VIREO (ACKNOWLEDGE)

CTF 17

PROCEED IMMEDIATELY FROM YOUR PRESENT POSITION NEAR PEARL AND
HERMES REEF TO ASSISTANCE OF YORKTOWN WHICH IS BADLY DAMAGED IN
POSITION 30-48 NORTH 176-53 WEST X DIRECT KALOLI CONTINUE ACCORD-
ANCE MY 042033 X VIREO ACKNOWLEDGE

Done 3

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0528/12

050515

**U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050529

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

12

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To:

WIN

TF COMS PACFLT

Precedence

Release

-OP-

95

System

Show to

RADIO

MODIFY. YOUR PREVIOUS ORDERS X PROCEED 25 KNOTS JOIN TASK FORCE
17 POSITION 30-48 NORTH 176-53 WEST X YORKTOWN BADLY DAMAGED
SPEED ZERO

050529

CR#	14
CV#	13

✓

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13

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050543

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

17

RR

To:

ALL T F COMDRS

COMINCH
COMSOPAC

Precedence

Release

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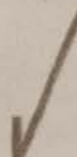
17

System

Show to

RADIO

NAUTILUS MADE 3 TORPEDO HITS ON DAMAGED SORYU CLASS. LAT 30-13
LONG 179-18 WEST AT 0200Z/5



sent 0550Z/5

050543

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050609

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
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25

JSC

Precedence
PRI

Release
16

System
RDO

Show to
20 16

To: CTF 17 16

GENERAL BEARING BY MIDWAY DF ON SEVERAL ENEMY CALLS BETWEEN
3 AND 5 HOURS ZED WAS 330-340 FREQUENCY 2.5 X LONG RANGE BEARING
FROM OAHU INDICATES DISTANCE ABOUT 200 MILES

050609

✓
sent 0621
1/2

Subject File

Date 5 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050610

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

95

To:

NAS MIDWAY

Precedence

Release

Crypto
Group

OP

11

System

Show to

CABLE

YOUR 050512 YOUR INFORMATION ENEMY POSITIONS IS BETTER THAN
MINE

SENT AT 0610/FR

050610

Subject File

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0610
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Date 5 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050611 To: CTF 16 CTF 17	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	25	RR
		Precedence	Release	
		OP	N16	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	16	

ENEMY PLAIN LANGUAGE ABBREVIATED CONTACT REPORTS INDICATE BLUE
FORCE 3 CA 6 DD ON COURSE 070 SPEED 20 POSITION UNREADABLE

050611

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sent 0615
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Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050621

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

12

RR

To:

FULTON (O M)
CTF 4
CTF 17

ALL T F COMDRS
CTG 4.5

Precedence

Release

OP

01

System

Show to

RADIO

11 16

DEPART PEARL EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME X GATE WILL BE OPENED FOR YOU
DURING DARKNESS X PROCEED VIA KAUAI CHANNEL TO LATITUDE 22-30 NORTH
LONGITUDE 159-10 WEST THENCE ON COURSE 298 TRUE TO JUNCTION WITH
SHIPS OF TASK FORCE 17 ESTIMATED ABOUT NOON LOCAL TIME 6TH X COMTASK-
FORCE 4 ASSIGN 2 SHIPS FROM OFFSHORE PATROL TO SCREEN FULTON X COMTASK
FORCE 17 DIRECT SHIPS OVERMANNED BY PEOPLE REMOVED FROM DAMAGED
SHIPS PROCEED ON REVERSE OF FULTON COURSE TO MEETING X VIREO AND
NAVAJO BOTH NOW ENROUTE TO ASSIST TOWING

050621

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date JUNE 5 1942

From CINCPAC 50649

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

12

WBM

To: COMSERFORPAC

ALL TF COMS PAC
FULTON

Precedence

OP

Release

01

System

RADIO

Show to

11 1

DIRECT SEMINOLE TO ACCOMPANY FULTON/^XMYDIS 050621 X UPON
MEETING SHIPS OF TASK FORCE 17 PROCEED AS DIRECTED SOP
THAT FORCE TO ASSIST TOWING YORKTOWN X IF YOU CANNOT KEEP
UP WITH FULTONS TOP SPEED FOLLOW IN HER TRACK

050649

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050700

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

95

Precedence

Release

Crypto
Group

URGENT

95

System

Show to

CABLE

To:

MIDWAY

MODIFY MY 050230 TO READ QUOTE HIT ANY LARGE SURFACE SHIPS
UNQUOTE OWN SUBMARINES AND PT BOATS ARE IN AREA

SENT AT 0704/FR

050700

Subject File

sent 0704

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050705

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SEC	01	JSC
Precedence	Release	
OP	01	
System	Show to	
RDO		

To: CTF 17 16 4 9 7

MODIFY MY 050303 TO READ QUOTE HIT ANY LARGE SURFACE SHIPS
UNQUOTE OWN SUBMARINES AND PT BOATS ARE IN AREA

050705

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CR / #23



CTF 7/8

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J. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050707

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SEC~~

17

JSC

To:

ALL TF COMDRS

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

OP

01

System

Show to

RDO

16 11

AT 0629/5 GMT JAPS BELIEVED BOMBING PLANES

050707



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S. J. E.

Date JUNE 5 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 5 721

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

11

WBM

Precedence

Release

OP

11

System

Show to

RADIO

To: CTF 17

TUGS ENROUTE TO TOW YORKTOWN WITH CONSTRUCTOR AND SALVAGE
OFFICERS RETAIN ENOUGH MEN ON BOARD YORKTOWN WHO KNOW SHIP
AND FURNISH DD ESCORT TO ASSIST SALVAGE PARTY

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Subject File

Date 5 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050735

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

Precedence

Release

Crypto
Group

OP

System

Show to

CABLE

MIDWAY

WHAT AIRPLANES BY NUMBERS AND TYPES DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE
AVAILABLE BY MORNING X BEAR IN MIND POSSIBLE LANDING ATTEMPT
BY LONG RANGE PLANES FROM WAKE

SENT AT 0740

050735

Subject File

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S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 050741

Info To:

CTF 4,9,16

To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	95	TRH
Precedence	Release	
-OP-	95	
System	Show to	
RADIO	16	

MIDWAY HAS FOR ACTION YOU ARE INFO X WHAT AIRPLANES BY
NUMBERS AND TYPES DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE AVAILABLE BY MORNING
X BEAR IN MIND POSSIBLE LANDING ATTEMPT BY LONG RANGE PLANES
FROM WAKE

050741

CR/23
CV/23

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050741
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Subject File

S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date

From CINCPAC 050811

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

12

TRH

To: TG 2.8

ALL TF COMS PAC

Precedence

Release

OP

01

System

Show to

RADIO

11 16

MODIFY MY PREVIOUS ORDERS X CLARK PROCEED FROM 50 MILES SOUTH OF
FRENCH FRIGATE TO POSITION LATITUDE 25-45 NORTH LONGITUDE 175-00

WEST PATROL IN THAT VICINITY AWAITING ORDERS X YOU MAY EXPECT
GUADALUPE WITH ESCORT AND KAOLI TO MEET AT ~~XXXXXX~~ THIS POINT

DAYLIGHT 6 JUNE X NAVAJO PROCEED FROM PRESENT POSITION BEST SPEED 1
TO LATITUDE 26-08 NORTH LONGITUDE 166-40 WEST THENCE ON COURSE

295 TRUE OR AS ~~XXXXXXX~~ OTHERWISE DIRECTED COMTASKFOR 17 UNTIL
YOU MEET YORKTOWN X ASSIST TOWING THAT VESSEL WHICH IS DAMAGED

050811

Subject File

sent 050811

Date 5 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050831

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	95	TRH

To: CTF 16
CTF 17

Precedence	Release
-OP-	

System	Show to
RADIO	

FROM MIDWAY QUOTE YOUR 050308 PLANES HAVE NOT ARRIVED REQUEST
INFORMATION UNQUOTE REFERENCE WAS OUR DISPATCH INFORMING MIDWAY

OF RETURN OF 10 YORKTOWN SCOUTS FROM SEARCH BEING SENT TO MIDWAY
X ANOTHER FROM MIDWAY FOR INFO CTF 16 QUOTE ENSIGNS T J WOODS AND
T T GUILLARY AND G F MARCH RADIOMAN 3RD AND BR COTTREL RADIOMAN 2ND
OF BOMBING B OF HORNET PICKED UP THIS STATION

050831

Subject File

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sent at 0850

Date JUNE 5 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 050839

Info To:

Classification

~~SECRET~~

Originator

32

C. W. O.

WBM

To: ALL TF COMS
C. MINCH

Precedence

OP

Release

32

System

RADIO

Show to -

ANOTHER FROM MIDWAY HIS 050725 X 6 SBD AND 5 SB2U3S DEPARTED FOR
BEARING 320 DISTANCE 180 AT 0710 ZED (GCT) TO ATTACK UNQUOTE ALL
FOR NOW FOR YOUR INFO

050839

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Subject File

J. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 050915	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: TASK FOR COMMANDERS	COMINCH COMGENHAWDEPT	SECRET	16	MMW
		Precedence	Release	Crypto
		R	01	
		System	Show to	
		R		

YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY TODAY HAVE WRITTEN
A GLORIOUS PAGE IN OUR HISTORY X I AM PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED
WITH YOU X I ESTIMATE THAT ANOTHER DAY OF ALL OUT EFFORT ON
YOUR PART WILL COMPLETE THE DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY

050915

Subject File

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sent 0925-f

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 051134

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. M. O.

SECRET

95

[Signature]

To: MIDWAY

Precedence

Release

PRIORITY

System

Show to

CABLE

XXXX HONOLULU VIA CPC CK38 GOVT. 204AM FIFTH

NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY

PRIORITY SECRET 051134

THIS REFERS TO YOUR 050910 X IN VIEW 050912 FROM CTF 16 SUGGEST
MODIFY YOUR SEARCH PLAN TO INCLUDE SECTOR 340 TO 010 TO DISTANCE
250 OMITTING LESS PROFITABLE AREAS AS NECESSARY

--SENT AT 1143/IB/--

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From	CINCPAC 051203	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	C. G. SA OA C. G. BLEACHER C. G. BO CAT C. G. ROBES C. G. FIJI	COMSOPAC 30 GENHAWPERT	SECRET	16	OA
			Precedence	Release	
			ROUTINE	11 00	
			System	Show to	
			RIO	17	

FOUR OR FIVE ENEMY CARRIERS INVOLVED IN ATTACK ON MIDWAY X
AT LEAST THREE BADLY DAMAGED X ONE OR TWO ENEMY CARRIERS
OPERATING OFF ALEUTIANS ATTACKED DUTCH HARBOR YESTERDAY

051203

Subject File

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sent 1355 1/2

Date 5 JUNE 42

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 051225

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Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	16	J
ROUTINE	01	
CABLE RDO	Show to	

To: COMINCH OPNAV
COMSOPAC MIDWAY
COMGENHAWDEPT COMNAVEU
COMPANSEAFRON ALL TF COMS
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COMWESEAFRON COMAIRSOPAC

JUNE 4 SUMMARY TO 0600 GCT 5TH X PARA X MIDWAY ATTACK X THE 2 MAIN FORCES APPROACHING MIDWAY WERE X FIRST X BEARING 260 DISTANT ABOUT 500 MILES AT DAWN COMPOSED OF 2 OR 3 BB CRUISERS POSSIBLY A CARRIER AND AUXILIARIES TOTALLING 20 TO 23 SHIPS PLUS A DD SCREEN X ONE OR TWO BB AND TWO TRANSPORTS OF THIS FORCE DAMAGED YESTERDAY X SECOND X BEARING 320 DISTANT ABOUT 200 MILES AT DAWN COMPOSED OF ABOUT 4 CV 2BB 4 CA 6 DD X MIDWAY AND CARRIER TASK FORCES CONCENTRATED ALL ATTACKS ON THIS SECOND FORCE X RESULTS 3 CV BURNING 1 CV HIT BY 3 SUBMARINE TORPEDOES COMMA 1 OR 2 BB AND OTHER SHIPS DAMAGED X IN MORNING AIR RAIDS MIDWAY SUFFERED VERY HEAVY AIR LOSSES BUT NO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO STATION X IN AFTERNOON TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 HAD HEAVY AIR LOSSES AND THE YORKTOWN RECEIVED AT LEAST 3 BOMB HITS AND IS

051225

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 051225 To:	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
		System	Show to	

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STOPPED 150 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY X PARA X REPORTS ARE INCOMPLETE AT PRESENT BUT BELIEVE ENEMY WILL IF HE CAN MUSTER SUFFICIENT AIR

CONTINUE DUEL WITH OUR 2 REMAINING CARRIERS IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH LANDING ATTACK ON MIDWAY X IT IS CERTAIN THAT HE HAS AT LEAST

ONE CARRIER ABLE TO OPERATE AIRCRAFT X W. ARE EXECUTING NIGHT ATTACKS WITH APPROPRIATE TYPES X SARATOGA WILL ARRIVE PEARL EARLY ON 6TH AND

WILL BE DESPATCHED AS SOON AS FUELED X PARA X IN ALASKA SECTOR X EN-EMY LARGE CV WITH SMALL CV 2 OR 3 CA AND DDS WAS MANEUVERING ABOUT

250 MILES SOUTHWEST DUTCH HARBOR DURING DAY X ATTACKED DUTCH HARBOR AT 0600 GCT X PARA X NAVY COMMANDERS DELIVER TO APPROPRIATE ARMY

COMMANDERS

051225

Int at 1323

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 051323

To: MIDWAY

Info To:

CTF 7 (BY HAND)

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
16

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Precedence
PRIORITY

Release

System
CABLE

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XXXC HONOLULU VIA CPC CK29 GOVT 348AM FIFTH

NAVAIRSTA MIDWAY

PRIORITY - SECRET - 051323

OUR SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO TAKE POSITION IN TEN
DEGREES SECTORS ONE ONE HUNDRED MILE CIRCLE FROM MIDWAY
BETWEEN 240 AND 350

SENT AT 1324/18/

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051345	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. ECW
To: COMINCH CTF 4, 7, 2 ALL TF COMS PAC	CTF 16, 17 COMGEN HAWDEPT	Precedence PRIORITY	Release 16	
		System RADIO	Show to 95	

IN SPITE HEAVY LOSSES PLANES MORE THAN 12 OF WHICH LANDED IN
WATER ON RETURN FROM FORENOON ATTACK TASK FORCE 16 AT 0500-0600

GCT MADE SUPERB ATTACK ENEMY FORCE OF 1 CV 2 BB 2 OR MORE CA SEV-
ERAL DD X CV HIT SEVERAL TIMES AND LEFT BURNING X BB RECEIVED AT

LEAST 4 HITS AND WAS BURNING X CA HIT AND ON FIRE X ENEMY POSITION
AT 0540 LAT 31-41 NORTH LONG 177-41 WEST COURSE WEST SPEED 15 X

3 SHIPS TO SOUTHWARD BELIEVED CARRIERS STILL BURNING X THUS 4 CV'S
PROBABLY ACCOUNTED FOR X TASK FORCE 16 POSITION AT 1600 GCT 5 JUNE

LAT 31-36 NORTH LONG 175-20 WEST X MIDWAY PLANES IN COMMISSION
12 VSB 2 VF 8 B-17 8 VP X RDF POSITION ENEMY SUB 24 NORTH 164 WEST

AT 1000 GCT

051345

CV#32

CR#33/TREST

PP

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051431	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 18	C. W. O. RLC
To: ALL TF COMS PAC GWIN	COMINCH	Precedence 0 0	Release 11	
		System RDO	Show to	

ENEMY SS BY RDF 29 NORTH 172-30 WEST

051431



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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051433

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

18

WFL

To:

ALL T.F. COMDRS

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

PRIORITY

11

System

Show to

RADIO

AT 1330 GCT 5TH MIDWAY REPORTS BEING LIGHTLY BOMBARDED
FROM SOUTH BELIEVED BY SUBMARINE X SHELLING STOPPED AFTER
8 ROUNDS

051433

CV #
CR # 1513/5
PP

Subject File

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LT at 1448
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 51541

Info To:

Classification

~~SEC~~

Originator

CWW

C. W. O.

CWW

To: ALL T F COMDRS

Precedence

PRIOR

Release

11

System

RDO

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ANOTHER ORANGE SS BY DIRECTION FINDER 23-45 NORTH 164-00 WEST X
CINCPAC TELLING YOU

51541

Subject File

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Sent at 1614

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051559
051600 (MIDWAY)
To: MIDWAY
ALL TF COMS PA

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	18	ECW
Precedence	Release	
URGENT	11	
System	Show to	
RDO		

O N SS REPORTS MANY UNIDENTIFIED SURFACE SHIPS 1417 GCT
28-23 NORTH 179-05 WEST

051600 sent
051559



sent at 1605
JF

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 51659

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SECRET

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To:

TF'S 16, 17

NAS, MIDWAY

Precedence

Release

URGENT

11

System

Show to

RDO

ID AY SEARCH COMMENCING 1430 YOKE SECTOR 230 TO 340 TO
4 1/2 MILES X HAVE SUGGESTED MODIFICATION TO INCLUDE 340 TO
41 TO 250 MILES BUT NO REPORT YET AS TO CONTEMPLATED
ACTION X WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED

051700
51659

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sent 17024

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Date 5 JUNE '42

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From CINCPAC 051757	Info To:	Classification S	Originator 18	C. W. O. REH
To: TF 16, 17		Precedence URGENT	Release 16	C-1
		System RADIO	Show to	

MIDWAY SEARCH MODIFIED TO COVER SECTOR 250 TO 010 TO
250 MILES X PT UNITS RETURNING MIDWAY WILL COVER AREAS
IN WHICH PLANES LANDED IN WATER YESTERDAY

051757

Subject File

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Sent at 1805

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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~~OUTGOING~~

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 051907

Info To:

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
17

C. W. O.
RJR

To: CTF 16, 17

COMINCH

Precedence
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Release
01

System
RADIO

Show to
11 16

2 MAGAYI CRUISERS 1 DAMAGED 272 DEGREES DISTANT 115 COURSE WEST
SPEED 17 X 2 BB 264 DISTANCE 125 COURSE 268 SPEED 15 X 2 DD 270
DEGREES DISTANT 110 X ALL FROM MIDWAY AT 1800 GCT

051907

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Int at 1912
8

J. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE

From CINCPAC 451915

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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WTR

To: TF 16 17

MIDWAY (CABLE)
COMINCH

Precedence

Release

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System

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16 11

THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS ORANGE WILL ATTEMPT ASSAULT AND
OCCUPATION MIDWAY REGARDLESS PAST LOSSES

451915

Subject File

Sent at 1932

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 052003

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

17

RHT

To: ALL TASK FORCES

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

Comments

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01

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System

Show to

RDO

16-17-95

MIDWAY REPPRTS ENEMY YESTERDAY STRAFED OUR AIR PERSONNEL IN
PARACHUTES AND RUBBER BOATS

052003

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Sent at 0620g

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 052053	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: TASK FORCE COMDRS	COMINCH	SEC	16	RLK
		Precedence	Release	Crypto
		-OP-	01	
		System	Show to	
		RDO		

CARRIER SIGHTED BEARING 335 DISTANCE 250 FROM MIDWAY COURSE
245 AT 2020 GCT

CV | CR
46 | 49

052053

sent at 2058

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 052055

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

17

TRH

To:

ALL TF COMS

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

-OP-

01

System

Show to

RADIO

16 11

BBS MY 051907 NOW REPORTED AS 3 BEARING 270 DISTANCE 130 FROM MIDWAY
AT 1930 GCT X ALSO AT 1930 Z FROM MIDWAY 5 SHIPS 325 DISTANCE 200

AND 5 DD LAT 31-15 LONG 179-55 ON COURSE 338 SPEED 25 X AT 2000 Z
MIDWAY REPORTS 2 ENEMY BB 3 TO 4 CRUISERS 1 CV ON FIRE 324 DEGREES

DISTANCE 240 COURSE 310 SPEED 12 X MIDWAY WILL ATTACK CV LAST
FORCE AS SOON AS HIS PLANES RETURN AND REARM

052055

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Date 5-JUNE-42

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 052105	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O. RHT
		S	16	
		Precedence	Release	
To: ALL TF COMDRS		-P-	01	
		System RDO	Show to	

CARRIER BELIEVED FRIENDLY SIGHTED BEARING 000 DISTANCE
180 FROM MIDWAY AT ABOUT 2022 GCT.

052105

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 052109

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

17

TRH

To:

ALL TF COMS
MIDWAY

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

URGENT

01

System

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RDO/CAB

16 11

TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 NOT LIMITED IN MOVEMENT TO WESTWARD OF MID-
WAY X ALL TASK FORCES TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ATTACKING OWN
UNITS

052109

Subject File

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Sent at 2115
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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 OUTGOING

Date 5 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 052121	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 12	C. W. O. TRH
To: CTF 17	CTF 16 FULTON	Precedence -OP-	Release 01	
		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

I ASSUME THAT YOU WILL MEET FULTON SOMEWHERE NEAR 89 NEWMAN LATE
 FORENOON 6TH JUNE AND TRANSFER EXCESS PERSONNEL TO HER FOR

TURN TO PEARL X UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED BY YOU I WILL DIRECT
 SARATOGA SAN DIEGO LAFFEY MAHAN PRESTON SMITH DEPART PEARL AFTER-
 NOON 6TH AND PROCEED VIA KAUAI CHANNEL THROUGH 13 EAST FRANCES
 THENCE TOWARD 91 INWOOD AT SPEED ABOUT 22 KNOTS TO JOIN YOU

BEFORE DARK 7TH

052121

Subject File

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 5 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 052129

Info To:

Classification
~~SECRET~~

Originator
01

C. W. O.
REH

To:

MIDWAY

CTF-16

Precedence
OP

Release
01

System
RADIO
CABLE

Show to

YOUR 052000 X DESTROY CARRIER ON FIRE REPORTED ON FIRE
BEARING 324 DISTANCE 240 FROM MIDWAY COURSE 310 SPEED
12

REF: TWO ENEMY BATTLESHIPS 3 OR 4 CRUISERS 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIER
ON FIRE.....

052129

✓ 2143/5
01

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060019	Info To	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. RR
To:	COMINCH COMGENHAWDEPT	Precedence P	Release 01	Crypto
ALL T F COMDRS		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

ATTACK ON BB'S BEARING 264 DEGREES DISTANT 125 FROM MIDWAY BY B-17'S
AND DIVE BOMBERS THIS MORNING RESULTED IN 1 DIRECT HIT PLUS BOMB
EXPLOSIONS UNDER STERN CAUSING SHIP TURN IN CIRCLE TO STARBOARD
PLUS LIST TO STARBOARD X THE BB WAS PREVIOUSLY LEAKING OIL

060019

Sent at 0032 g
~~SECRET~~
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Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 60023	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 20	C. W. O. TRH
To: CTF 16		Precedence PRIORITY	Release 20	Crypto
		System RADIO	Show to	

BEARING ENEMY BY MIDWAY DIRECTION FINDER 315 ON FREQUENCY 255KCS
AT 2340 Z

60023

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Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060105

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

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To: ALL TF COMDRS
COMGENHAWAII

COMINCH

Precedence
OP

Release
01

System
RADIO

Show to
11, 16

IN FORCES REPORTED MY 051907 SHIPS BEARING 264 DEGREES DISTANCE
125 NOW IDENTIFIED AS THREE CRUISERS MOGAMI OR TONE CLASS TWO
STREAMING OIL THIRD UNDAMAGED X THEY WERE TRAILING GROUP SIX
TRANSPORTS ESCORTED BY ONE CL ON EACH BOW X ON APPROACH OF
PATROL PLANE AP'S CIRCLED AND CRUISERS COUNTER MARCHED

060105

Subject File

✓ 011216
011216

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUT~~

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060117

Info To:

Classification	Original
SECRET	16

To: CTF 17
SEMINOLE
NAVAJO
VIREO

CTF 16

Precedence	Release
PRIOR	01 02
System	Radio to
RADIO	11, 17

WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE YORKTOWN X TAKE NO STEPS
FOR HER DESTRUCTION WITHOUT REFERRING DECISION TO ME

060117

S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060123	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: CTF 16	CTF 17, 4, 7, 9 COMINCH	SECRET	17	RR
		Precedence	Release	
		OP	01	
		System	Show to	
		RADIO	11 16	

2 BATTLESHIPS REPORTED LAT 32-00 NORTH LONG 179-32 EAST AT 2000
GCT IDENTIFIED AS EITHER ISE OR FUSO CLASS X FORCE CONSISTS OF 2
BATTLESHIPS 3 CA 5 TO 10 DD 1 BURNING CV AND 1 CV NOT BURNING X
BATTLESHIPS WELL AHEAD OF DD WHO ARE SCREENING DAMAGED CV WITH
SMOKE X THIS FORCE PARTICULARLY CARRIERS IS YOUR BEST TARGET

CV 8
CR 7

✓ 0152/6
01

060123

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 060140

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	16	
Procedure	Release	Crypto Group
OP		
System	Show to	
CABLE		

To NAS MIDWAY

IN LAT 32-00 NORTH LONG 179-32 EAST A COUPLE OF BBS REPORTED
AT 2000 GREENWICH EITHER 1SE OR FUSO TYPE X FORCE COMPOSED OF
5 TO 12 DD 2 BB 3 CA ONE BURNING CV AND 1 CV NOT BURNING X
BATTLESHIPS LEADING DESTROYERS WHICH ARE HIDING INJURED CV
WITH SMOKE X YOUR BEST TARGET IS THIS OUTFIT ESPECIALLY
CARRIERS X THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION X TF SIXTEEN FOR ACTION

060140

Just 01

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 11 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 6-225

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~ 95 FWR

To: ~~ALL TASKFORCES~~
ALL TASKFORCES

COMGEN 7TH AIRFOR

Precedence Release
-P- 95

System Show to
RDO

MY 152119 WHILE OPERATING WEST OF MIDWAY LONGITUDE TASK FORCE
16 KEEP LARGE WHITE CROSS ANYWHERE ON FLIGHT DECKS OF OURS CARRIERS
FOR ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFICATION X RESPONSIBILITY REMAINS FOR
PERFECT ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION OF OWN AND ENEMY CARRIERS AND
FOR CORRECT RECOGNITION AND APPROACH PROCEDURES TASK FORCE
COMMANDERS PROVIDE ALL CONCERNED WITH BEST INFORMATION OWN AND
ENEMY POSITIONS TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY CONFUSION;

6-225

CV 11-6674
CR 9

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 060230 To: MIDWAY	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. U. LJO
		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

RADIO HONOLULU CK 35/33 XXXC 1655 5TH BT
MIDWAY ISLAND BT 060230

FORCE COMDRS HAVE THIS X I THINK ENEMY WHO IS LACKING AIR
SUPPORT PROBABLY BELIEVES HE IS NOT ABLE TO EFFECT LANDING
AND IS RETIRING X MY 051915

CINCPAC

SENT AT 0233/IB/

060230

Subject File

0233/6
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060237

Info To:

Classification Originator C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~ 16 RR

To: ALL T F COMDRS

COMINCH

Precedence Release C. W. O.

P 00

System Show to

RADIO 01

MY 051915 BELIEVE ENEMY THROUGH LACK OF AIR SUPPORT PROBABLY
CONSIDERS HE IS UNABLE TO CARRY OUT LANDING AND IS RETIRING

CV 12
CR 10

060237

Subj File

sent at 0253

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE '42

From	CINCPAC 060245	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	CTF 4,9	CTF 7 GUADLOUPE KAKOL CLARK CRYSTAL BALLARD	SECRET	17	FWR
			Precedence -P-	Release 01	
			System RDO	Show to 11,16	

MIDWAY REPORTS SUSPICIOUS SUBMARINE SUBMERGED BEARING 134
DISTANCE 52 SPEED ZERO.

CTF 7 *NVB*

060245

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sent at 0317
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Subject File

Date 6 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 060245	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: MIDWAY		Precedence PRIORITY	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

RADIO HONOLULU CK 78/77 XXXC 1705 5TH BT

MIDWAY ISLAND BT 060245

ARMY AND FORCE COMDRS HAVE THIS X TASK FORCE 16 WHILE OPERATING
WEST OF MIDWAY LONGITUDE KEEP BIG WHITE CROSS ANY PLACE ON

FLIGHT DECKS OF OUR CARRIERS FOR AID IN IDENTIFICATION X
RESPONSIBILITY REMAINS FOR ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION OF OWN AND

ENEMY CARRIERS AND FOR CORRECT RECOGNITION AND APPROACH
PROCEDURE X TASK FORCE COMDRS PROVIDE ALL HANDS WITH BEST INFO

ENEMY AND OWN POSITIONS TO REDUCE CHANCES OF CONFUSION X
MIDWAY IS ACTION ADEE BT

CINCPAC

/SENT AT 0251 IB/

060245

Subject File

0251/6
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From: CINCPAC 060305	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: MIDWAY			01	LJO
		Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
		--OP--		
		System	Show to	
		CABLE		

RDO HONOLULU CK 9/8 1730 5TH BT

MIDWAY ISLAND BT OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 060305

YOUR 060229 WHAT COURSE BT CINCPAC

REF: YOUR 060140 CARRIER REPORTED NOT BURNING IS BY
DEFERRED REPORT SMOKING BADLY AND GOING AT SLOW
SPEED

/SENT AT 0303 IB/

060305

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE '42.

From CINCPAC, 060315	Info To: CTF 17 CTF 4,7,9	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
		SECRET	18	FWR
		Precedence	Release	
To: CTF 16		-0-	01	
		System RDO	Show to 11,16,1	

MY 060123 LATER INFORMATION INDICATES CV PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED AS NOT BURNING IS SMOKING BADLY AND PROCEEDING
AT SLOW SPEED.

CV/# 13
CR/# 11

060315

0323/6
Q

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 060431	Info To: COMINCH	Classification S	Originator 17	C. W. O. REH
To: CTF-16, 17, 4, 7, 9		Precedence OP	Release 17	Crypto
		System RDO	Show to	

MY 160123 CARRIER REPORTED NOT SMOKING IS BY DEFERRED RE-
PORT SMOKING BADLY AND GOING AT SLOW SPEED X WHEN LAST
OBSERVED 0824 GCT WAS ON COURSE 245

060431

CR # 13
CV # 14
PP
060431/6 96
✓
Int # 0448

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 06433

Info To:

To: ALL T F COMMANDERS

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
	33	WTR
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
-OP-		
System	Show to	
R		

FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF MIDWAYS 06235 X YOUR 060140 X DIS-
PATCHING 2 GROUPS FORTRESSES TO STRIKE MAIN ENEMY FORCE X FOR
IDENTIFICATION FRIENDLY FORCES EACH CARRIES OBSERVER FROM HORNET
X FIRST GROUP JUST REPORTED LARGE FRIENDLY TASK FORCE COURSE 322
SPEED 25 BEARING 322 DISTANCE 105 X

06433

CR#12
CV#15
PP
060511
✓
LIT 0457

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060515

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~S~~

12

RHT

To:

CINCPAC

COMTASKFORCES
16,17

Precedence

Release

-P-

12

System

Show to

RDO

DELAYED RELAY OF PATROL PLANE REPORT AT 051905 2 LIGHT CRUISERS
286 DEGREES 174 MILES FROM MIDWAY COURSE 310 SPEED 20 AND
3 SUBS ON SURFACE 305 DEGREES 190 MILES ALL JAPS

060515

Subject File

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Intat 0538
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Date 6 JUNE '42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 060625

Info To:

Classification

~~S~~

Originator

18

C. W. O.

REH

To:

CTF-16

Precedence

Release

Crypto

16

System

RDO

Show to

ENS GAYGH TORPRON 8 RESCUED AND NOW ON MIDWAY X HE MADE DROP AND
SCORED HIT BUT WAS SHOT DOWN ON DEPARTURE BY 0 FIGHTERS CLOSE TO
CARRIER X WHILE HIDING UNDER CUSHION NOT INFLATING LIFE RAFT UNTIL
DARK HE SAW FOLLOWING X QUOTE X CARRIER SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN TWO
GIANTS BURNING AND A SHIP THOUGHT A BATTLESHIP ON FIRE X THEN SAW
SEVERAL HITS DIVE BOMBERS FROM HIS GROUP AND BOTH BIGGEST SIZE CAR-
RIERS STARTED BURNING FIERCELY X CRUISER TRIED TO RESCUE PERSONNEL
FROM CARRIER NEAREST HIM LATER BEGAN FIRING TO SINK IT X IDENTIFIES
THIS SHIP AS KAGA OR AKAGI X CARRIER HE HIT WITH TORPEDO AND LATER
BY DIVE BOMBERS NEARLY DEAD IN WATER ALL AFTERNOON X DESTROYER LATER
CAME ALONGSIDE NEAREST CARRIER AND TOOK OFF PERSONNEL X NEAR MORNING
HE HEARD A NUMBER OF TREMENDOUS EXPLOSIONS X ALL 3 CARRIERS WERE
SEEN BURNING FIERCELY X JAP PLANES CIRCLED OVERHEAD A LONG TIME
X UNQUOTE X NOW THAT ENEMY IS WITHOUT AIR CONSIDER IF FAVORABLE
OPPORTUNITY ATTACK BY LIGHT FORCES

060625

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060701

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~S~~

17

OUT

Precedence

Release

URGENT

17

System

Show to

RDO

To CTF 16

MIDWAY PATROL PLANE REPORTS 12 ENEMY PLANES BEARING
313 DISTANCE 350 AT 0645 GCT 6TH

060701

Subject File

✓
Int 0709
8

Date

6 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING

From	CINCPAC 060717	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	CIMMARRON	CTR 16, 17	S	01	RHT
			Precedence	Release	Crypto
			-OP-	01	Class
			System	Show to	
			RDO	11-16	

PROCEED LAT 32 NORTH LONG 169 WEST THENCE WEST TO LONG
 178 WEST RENDEZVOUS WITH TASKFORCE 16 AT 2130 GCT 8
 JUNE FOR REFUEL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY CTF 16

060717

✓
 170736

**U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **6 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 060741**

Info To:

To: **ALL TF COMS**

COMINCH

Classification	Originator	C. T. O.
-S-	17	RH
Precedence	Release	Control
URGENT	17	
RDO		

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY AT 0712 GCT 6TH X QUOTE PATROL
PLANE SEARCHING SECTOR 310 TO 320 REPORTS BEING ATTACKED BY
ENEMY FIGHTERS X PREVIOUS MESSAGE FROM HIM QUOTE 9 FIGHTERS
PLANES V FORMATION 10,000 FEET APPROXIMATE COURSE CARRIER
DISTANCE 425 X UNQUOTE

060741

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 060751	Info To:	Classification S	Originator	C. W. O. REH
To: ALL TF COMDRS UNDER MY COMMAND		Precedence R	Release	Crypto
		System RBO	Show to 90	

MY 060451 ADD 4SS WHICH WERE 300 MILES NORTH OF OAHU ARE NOW
250 MILES BEARING 325 BOMBING RESTRICTION WITHIN 100 MILES

REF: DAILY DISPOSITION

060751

✓
LT at 0802

Subject File

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 060754	Info To	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O.
To MIDWAY	COM 14	Priority URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

HONOLULU 2221 5TH XXXA BT
MIDWAY 18 LANT BT

SECRET 060754 YOUR 060725 RELIEVE MUST BE ENEMY VESSELS
X ATTACK BT

CINCPAC

REF: OBSERVER IN B17 REPORTS SEVERAL VESSELS AT PEARL
AND HERMES ONE BURNING X AS FAR AS WE KNOW ONLY
CRYSTAL SHOULD BE THERE X WILL BOMB UNLESS OTHER-
WISE DIRECTED WILL ATTACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

/SENT AT 1758 18/

060754

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060759

Info To:

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
S	17	RHT
Precedence	Release	Cryptic
URGENT	17	
System	Show to	
RDO		

To: ALL US SHIPS

ENEMY SHIPS AT PEARL AND HERMES REEF ARE BEING BOMBED
X ALL US SHIPS STAY CLEAR X ANY SHIP NEAR THERE REPORT
IMMEDIATELY

060759

Cancelled at 0829

at 0844

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 060801

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SEC~~

16

RLK

To: TF COMDRS, MIDWAY,
COMGENHAWDEPT

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

ROUTINE

16

System

Show to

RDO

THE EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES OF THE ARMY NAVY AND MARINE
CORPS FORCES INVOLVED IN THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY HAVE BEEN
CROWNED WITH GLORIOUS SUCCESS AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE HAVE
ALREADY CHANGED THE COURSE OF THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC IN
OUR FAVOR X THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO WITHDRAW HIS WOUNDED
SHIPS X IF YOU FOLLOW UP YOUR SUCCESS VIGOROUSLY HE WILL BE
SO CRUSHED THAT HIS TOTAL DEFEAT WILL BE INEVITABLE

060801

CV #20 / 0816/6 E
CV #25
Int J 0808

Subject File

Date 6 JUN 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 060813

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SEC~~

16

RLK

To:

CG SAMOA, CG ROSES
CG BLEACHER,
CG FIJI
CG BOBCAT

COMGENHAWDEPT
COMSOUPAC

Precedence

Release

ROUTINE

16

System

Show to

RDO

ENEMY FORCES RETIRING FROM MIDWAY X 2 JAP CV'S SUNK X 2
DAMAGED BEING PURSUED X 1 OR 2 ENEMY CARRIERS STILL OPERATING
AGAINST ALEUTIANS

060813

Subject File

CR#25 T REST / 0832/66
PP

LTJ 0852
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U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 260831

RAKW

Classification

S

Originator

16

C. W. O.

REH

To: COMINCH OPNAV
COMSOPAC CG HARDEPT
COMIPANSEAFRON
COMWESEAFRON
COMAIRSOPAC

MIDWAY
COMNAVEU
ALL TF COMDRS

Precedence

R

Release

16

System

RDO

Show to

JUNE 5 SUMMARY TO 0600 OCT 6TH X MIDWAY ATTACK X NO AIR RAID ON
MIDWAYXN SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING X ENEMY ATTACK FORCES APPROACHED
DURING NIGHT AND SUB FIRED LIGHT BOMBARDMENT BUT BY DAYLIGHT ALL
FORCES SIGHTED WERE HEADING WESTWARD X NORTHWESTERN FORCE 2 BB
PROBABLY DAMAGED TWO CV SHOWING DAMAGE 3 CA 5 TO 10 DD MAKING SLOW
SPEED X MIDWAY STRIKING GROUPS BOMBING THESE CV TODAY AND TOMORROW
AND TASK FORCE SIXTEEN PURSING X WESTERN FORCE 13 CA TWO DAMAGED 2
CL 6 AP X MIDWAY AIRCRAFT FURTHER DAMAGED 1 CA THIS FORCE X PARA X
SINKING TWO CARRIERS YESTERDAY VERIFIED ONE HAVING RECEIVED THREE
TORPEDO HITS FROM NAUTILUS X NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT EVIDENT TODAY AND
ALL HIS FORCES BELIEVED WITHDRAWING X END OF PART 1

260831

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 060943

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~S~~

18

RHT

Precedence
URGENT

Release
11

System
RDO

Show to

To: ALL TF COMDRS.

AT 2100 (PLUS 12) PATROL PLANE SIGHTED 8 TO 10 SHIPS BEARING
310 DISTANT 420 FROM MIDWAY HEARD MUCH GUNFIRE

060943

CR | # 28
AU | # 28

Subject File

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 061007

Info To:

Classification S	Originator 18	C. W. O. RHT/
Precedence P	Release 11	Crypto None
System RDO	Show to	

To: CTF 16, 17, 7, 4

MIDWAY WILL SEARCH SECTOR 220 TO 330 TO 600 MILES COMMENCING
0430 (PLUS 12) TOMORROW

OK # 30
OV # 30

061007

✓
1027/6
Q

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Date 6 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCPAC 061045	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 18	C. W. O. D
To: COM TF 16		Precedence OP	Release 11	
		System RADIO	Show to	

AMPLIFYING MY 060701 THESE WERE 9 VF AT 10,000 FEET V FORM-
ATION X CARRIER ON COURSE 315 DISTANT 425 MIDWAY

061045

✓
1108/6
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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 061331	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 11	C. W. O. D
To: PLATTE	CTF 16, 17	Precedence OP	Release 11	Crypto Class
		System RADIO	Show to	

BE IN POSITION LAT 27 NORTH AND LONG 166 WEST AT ZERO HOURS
CCT ON SEVEN JUNE PREPARED FOR FUELING CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS

061331

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sent 11334/6
mt 184

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 061355

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

20

Precedence

Release

Crypto
Group

URGENT

20

System

Show to

CABLE

To: NAS MIDWAY

4V93 BEARING 292 FROM CXK AT WAHIAWA AT 1350 ZED

SENT AT 1356/6TH/MR

061355

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 06 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 061535

To:

CTF 16

Info To:

COMINCH
ALL T.F. COMDRS.

Classification

~~SECRET~~

Precedence

OP

System

RADIO

Originator

17

Release

17

Show to

C. W. O.

MCH

MY 060741 X 060943 X 061045 X ON RETURN PATROL PLANE SEARCH
PILOT STATES NEVER SAW JAP CARRIER X NOT FIGHTING PLANES BUT
LAND PLANE SCOUTS ATTACKED HIM X FIRST SAW THEM BEARING 313
DISTANT 330 FROM MIDWAY HEADING FOR OUR TASK FORCE BEARING
320 DISTANCE 150 FROM MIDWAY ABOUT ONE HOUR BEFORE DARK X
AT 440 MILES OUT BEARING 310 WAS FIRED ON BY 8 TO 12 UNIDENTIFIED
SHIPS X PLANES SENT AFTER HIM WERE MORE LAND PLANE SCOUTS X
SAW CONSIDERABLE GUNFIRE FROM TWIN TURRET GUNS JUST AT DARK

061535

Subject File

OK 34
CV 34 sent WNC
1541/4

Date 06 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 061545

Info To:

Classification

~~SECRET~~

Originator

17

C. W. O.

NCH

To:

ALL T.F. COMDRS.

COMINCH
C.G. HAWAII

Precedence

PRIOR

Release

17

Cryptic

System
RADIO

Show to

FORTRESS ATTACK AFTERNOON 5TH LOCAL FAILED TO
LOCATE MAIN BODY X BOMBED SINGLE CRUISER X NO DIRECT HITS
OBSERVED BUT TARGET STRADDLED

061545

✓
CR TREST #13
CV # 33
061545

Subject

Date 6 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 062041	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 17	C. W. O. JL
To: PACIFIC FLEET HAWAII AREA MIDWAY COMGENHAWDEPT		Precedence PRIORITY	Release 01	Crypto Group
		System RADIO	Show to 11 16	

OWN SUBMARINES ARE OPERATING OAHU MIDWAY LINE AND TO 1000 MILES TO WEST OF MIDWAY X ENEMY SUBMARINES MAY ALSO BE SAME AREA X MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH HOSTILE CHARACTER OF ANY CONTACTS BEFORE ATTACKING X

CV#41
CT#41

F-REST 2051/600W

PP

Sent 2108J

062041

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 160717

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

12

UA

To:

COMTASKFOR 4
COMTASKGROUP 2 4.5
LITCHFIELD

Precedence

Release

ROUTINE 11

System

Show to

RDO

RELEASE LITCHFIELD TO OWNERS OF COMTASKFOR 7

962747

Subject File

A4-3
D18/12/200
sent 2145 f.

Date 6 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 062123	Info To:	Classification CONFID	Originator 01	C. W. O. ECW
To: COM 14 COMGEN HAWDEPT ASP PEARL		Precedence ROUTINE	Release 00	
		System RDO	Show to 02:11 16:95	

WHILE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTACK EXISTS THE PROBABILITIES HAVE DE-
CLINED TO NORMAL X RESUME NORMAL CONDITION OF READINESS AND AIR-
CRAFT ALERTNESS X USUAL DAYLIGHT LIBERTY AND SHORE LEAVE MAY BE
GRANTED UNTIL 0230 GCT 9 JUNE

062123

CR # 42 1/11/51
CY # 43 2139/6 ECW
PP

✓
sent 2147/6

Subject File

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 062131

Info To:

To: PAC FLT HAW AREA
MIDWAY
CG HAW DEPT (PP)

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
Secret	17	CWN
Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification	18	
Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification	19	
Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification	20	

THOSE WHO HAVE MY 062141 NEED NOT DECODE THIS XX OWN SUBMARINES
ARE OPERATING OAHU MIDWAY LINE AND TO 1000 MILES TO WEST OF MIDWAY
X ENEMY SUBMARINES MAY ALSO BE SAME ARE X CINCPAC SENDING TO
ALL TASK FORCES HAWAIIAN AREA X MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH
HOSTILE CHARACTER OF ANY CONTACTS BEFORE ATTACKING

062131

✓
062131

**U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

**~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING**

Date 6 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 062205	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator	C. W. O.
To: NAS, MIDWAY		Precedence URGENT	Release	Crypto Group
		System CABLE	Show to	

SPRUANCE REPORTS AT 1850 GCT 6TH ONE BATTLESHIP AND FIVE DESTROYERS
LAT 29- 30 NORTH LONG 174-30 EAST COURSE 270 SPEED 10 X SAME TIME

TWO CA AND TWO DESTROYERS LAT TWENTY EIGHT DASH FIFTY FOUR NORTH
LONG ONE SEVENTY FIVE DASH ELEVEN EAST COURSE TWO FIFTEEN SPEED

FIFTEEN X SPRUANCE ATTACKING BATTLESHIP HE IS SENDING DESTROYERS
LOW IN FUEL TO CIMARRON X HIS POSIT ABOVE TIME LAT THIRTY DASH

FORTY NINE NORTH LONG ONE SEVENTY SIX DASH THIRTY NINE EAST

(CORRECTED COPY CORRECTION UNDERLINED)

SENT AT 2212 /C

Subject File

Date 7 JUNE 1942

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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~~OUTGOING~~

From CINCPAC 070048

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

01

To: MIDWAY - BY CABLE

C.T.F.7 - BY HAND

Precedence

Release

Crypto
Group

ROUTINE

01

System

Show to

MUX

IF NOTHING SIGHTED BY SEARCH TO NW INTEND RECALLING SUBS CHASING
THAT AREA.

CINCPAC

SENT AT 0058/C

070048

Subject File

Date 7 JUNE 1942

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

From	CINCPAC 070051	Info To:	TF COMDRS PACFLT CTG 4.5 COMSERFORPAC COMDESPAC, COMCRUPAC COMCARPAC COMINCH	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	CTF 17 TG 11.1			SEC	12	RLK/
				Precedence	Release	Grade
				-UP-	01	
				System	Show to	
				RDO	16,90.95	

TASK GROUP 11.1 CAPTAIN RAMSEY X SARATOGA, SAN DIEGO, SMITH,
PRESTON, LAFFEY, MAHAN, MUSTIN, KASKASKIA X SORTIE FROM PEARL X
ZERO HOUR 1830Z/7 JUNE X ORDER DESTROYERS MINUS 1 HOUR CRUISER

ZERO HOUR CARRIER PLUS 10 MINUTES OILER PLUS 25 MINUTES X SCREEN-
ING LANE 6 MILES 220 DEGREES FROM XRAY TO OPTION X FURNISH OWN
AIR COVERAGE X CONDUCT ANTIAIRCRAFT AND SURFACE TARGET FIRINGS

HIGH SPEED TOW REQUIRED AND PILOT QUALIFICATIONS IN AREAS CAST
10 TO 12 AND VICTOR 1 AND 2 X COMPLETE BY 2330Z/7TH AT WHICH
TIME PASS THROUGH 15 EAST NATHAN SPEE, 20 KNOTS COURSE NORTH X

PROCEED TO 13 EAST FRANCES AND THENCE TOWARD 91 INWOOD X COM-
TASKFOR 17 INTERCEPT TASK GROUP 11.1 ON THIS LINE DURING FORE-
NOON 8TH AND ASSUME COMMAND OF COMBINED FORCE AS TASK FORCE 17 X

070051

Chrom
ORIGINATOR

2nd 011 1/2

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date

From CINCPAC 070051

Info To:

Classification

Originator

To:

Precedence

Routing

System

Plan No.

~~SECRET~~

PAGE 2

COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY OPLAN 82-82 EFFECTIVE FOR
TASK GROUP 11.1 AT MINUS 2 HOURS X INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATION
OF COMBINED FORCE WILL BE ISSUED LATER DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION

ION X RENDEZVOUS WITH TASK FORCE 16 WILL BE ARRANGED FOR TRANSFER
OF EXTRA PLANES IN SARATOGA TO ENTERPRISE AND OR HORNET

070051

ORIGINATOR

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 7 35

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SEC~~

CWO

W. J. F.

Precedence

Release

Crypto

URGENT

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System

Show to

RDO

To: CONTACT 16

THIS FROM MIDWAY TO CINCPAC X 170015 X QUOTE JUST INFORMED SPRUANCE
DID NOT SEE WHITE CROSSES ON CARRIER FLIGHT DECKS YESTERDAY X

JUST TWO GROUPS CONTACTS EB HAVE OBSERVERS FROM HORNET OTHERS HAVE
NOT UNQUOTE

970055

CLASSIFIED

Salvo's

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
 OUTGOING

Date 07 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 070121	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. AML
To: CTF 16	COMCARPAC (ADMIN) SARATOGA	Precedence R	Religion 01	
		System R	Show to 00 1	

SARATOGA WITH 26 F4F4 AND 9 VSB EXTRA PLANES AND PILOTS FOR
 YOU JOINS TF 17 VICINITY LAT 26-10 NORTH LONG 164-35 WEST

ABOUT 2130Z/8TH X I WILL ARRANGE RENDEZVOUS FOR TRANSFER
 OF PLANES TO YOU ON COMPLETION OF YOUR FUELING X SARATOGA

COMPLEMENT 27 F4F4 36VSB 11 TBF 5 TBD SUBJECT TO READJUSTMENT
 BY YOU IF DESIRABLE X EMPLOYMENT THEREAFTER WILL DEPEND ON THE

SITUATION X INTERCEPTION OF ENEMY FORCES RETURNING FROM
 ALEUTIANS MAY BE ATTEMPTED X WHEN YOU NEXT USE RADIO INCLUDE

REPORT YOUR AIRCRAFT SITUATION

070121

Chrono:
 ORIGINATOR

sent 0730Z
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Date **7 JUNE 1942**

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From CINCPAC 979152	To MIDWAY (BY CABLE)* CTF 4.7.9 CONSERFORPAC	Classification SECRET Priority PRIORITY	Originator 12 Release 11 Show to 18	C. W. O. Cryptos Group
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INFO MIDWAY FROM CINCPAC:

**CLARK AND KALOLI PROCEED TO MIDWAY X GUADALUPE REMAIN MIDWAY
AND TRANSFER AVGAS TO KALOLI ON LATTERS ARRIVAL X FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS LATER X OTHER ADEES HAVE**

979152 SENT AT 0159 /0

Class -
ORIGINATOR

Date 7 JUNE 42

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From CINCOPAC 070225	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. W. O. RJR
To: CTF 11, 16, 17		Precedence -OP-	Release 16	Copies
		System RADIO	Show to	

UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SURFACE FORCES SHOULD NOT SEEK
DAYLIGHT ENGAGEMENT WITH SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCES PARTICULARLY IF
ENEMY IS WITHIN BOMBING RANGE OF OUR AIRCRAFT X UNDER SUCH CIR-
CUMSTANCES CONFINE OPERATIONS TO TRAILING AND REPORTING TO
APPROPRIATE AIR BASES X MIDWAY STILL HAS LONG RANGE BOMBERS

070225

500 0236/12

Subj: ...

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 070527

Info To:

Classification SECRET	Originator 95	C. W. O. JBD
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To:
CTF 17
CTG 17.5

Precedence OP OP	Release 95	Crypta
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System RADIO	Show to
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MIDWAY GOT THIS FOR ACTION AS MY 070454 X IT IS RETRANSMITTED
FOR YOUR INFO X ORIGINATOR CINCPAC XX PROVIDE AIR COVERAGE
FOR YORKTOWN DURING ALL DAYLIGHT HOURS UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS X
POSIT LAT 30-40 LONG 176-22

070527

Subject File

✓
sent 05474

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 070539

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SECRET

17

L

Precedence

Release

Private

PPPPPP

17

System

Show to

RADIO

To: ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS

PLANE REPORTS SUBMARINES FROM MIDWAY X FIRST BEARING 263 DISTANCE
320 X SECOND BEARING 254 DISTANCE 410 X TIME 1500 Y(PLUS 12)

070539

✓
sent 1551 f

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date **7 JUNE 42**

From **CINCPAC 070545**

Info To:

Classification

SECRET

Originator

12

C. W. O.

JBD

To:

**SEMINOLE
NAVAJO**

PRTOR

Release

13

System

RADIO

Show to

PRESENT POSITION YORKTOWN IS 30-40 NORTH 176-22 WEST

070545

✓
not 0553 fj

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE

From CINCPAC 070607

Info To

BABCH
BENHAM
HUGHES
GWIN

Classification

~~SECRET~~

Originator

12

C. W. O.

0A

To CLARK

Precedence

ROUTINE

Release

11

System
RDO

Show to

UPON ARRIVAL MIDWAY FUEL TO CAPACITY THEN JOIN
YORKTOWN 30-40 NORTH 176-22 WEST X JAP SUB IN
VICINITY

070607

Chronological
ORIGINATOR

sent at 0600

Date 7 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 070609

To: BALCH
BENHAM

Info To:

CTF 16, 17
HUGHES
GWIN

Classification Originator C. W. O.

SEC 12 REF

Precedence Release
PP 11

System Show to
RADIO

URDIS 061115 X BALCH BENHAM REMAIN WITH YORKTOWN

070609

Subject File

✓
sent at 0638
F

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 07 615	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator F	C. W. O. JBD
To: 17.5		Precedence OP OP	Release E	
		System RADIO	Show to	

MIDWAY ANSWERING OUR 07454 (074527) SAYS HE WILL PROVIDE
AIR COVERAGE 2 PLANES ARMED WITH 4 AERIAL DEPTH BOMBS ONE
HALF HOUR BEFORE DAWN UNTIL AFTER END EVENING TWILIGHT

07615

Subject

sent at 06215

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date JUNE 7 1942

From CINCPAC 070645

Inf: To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

17

L

To: CTF 11, 16, 17

COMINCH

Precedence

Release

P

01

System

Show to

RADIO

16 11

CORRECTED COPY CORRECTION UNDERLINED:

AT 0336 GCT 7TH YORKTOWN LAT 30-41 LONG 176-14 HIT BY TWO
TORPEDOES STARBOARD SIDE FROM SUBMARINE X LIST REDUCED TO
17 DEGREES AND BUCKMASTER BELIEVES WITH HELP SHIP CAN BE
BROUGHT IN X HELP NOW ARRIVING AND MORE IN SALVAGE TUG LATE
TOMORROW X HAMMAN SUNK SAME VICINITY NO DETAILS X MIDWAY
FURNISHING AIR COVERAGE TOMORROW X COM

UNDERLINED PORTION OMITTED IN ORIGINAL WRITE UP

070645

Subj: E2

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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~~OUTGOING~~

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC ...070705.....

Info To:

To: CTF 11,16,17

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	16	0A
Precedence	Release	Crypto
P	16	
System	Show to	
RDO		

CORRECT MY 070225 -X AFTER WORDS AIR BASES INSERT QUOTE
AND CARRIERS UNQUOTE

070705

Subject File

✓
Sent at 0700g

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
~~OUTGOING~~

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 070754

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

16

HRF

Precedence

Release

Crypto

ROUTINE

Group

System

Show to

CABLE

To:

MIDWAY

HONOLULU CK54 1024PM SIXTH
NAS MIDWAY

~~SECRET~~
070754

WHEN KNOWN ADVISE RESULTS PT ACTIVITIES TO DATE AND ATTACKS OF
B17S TODAY X ON NIGHT 3 DASH 4 JUNE WAS MORE THAN ONE TORPEDO
HIT MADE BY PBY'S X AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE SUBMIT BRIEF OF
DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY BY MIDWAY FORCES AND SUMMARY OF
DAMAGE SUSTAINED

CINCPAC

SENT AT 0801 MUX/1B/

070754

Subject File

Date 7 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From	CINCPAC 070803	XXXXX ACTION COMGENHAWDEPT MIDWAY COMNORWESSEAFRON COMWESEAFRON COMAIRSOPAC COMNAVEU	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To: COMINCH COMSOPAC COMPANSEAFRON ALL TF COMDRS OPNAV	SECRET		17	WFL	
	Precedence		Release		
	PPP		01 00		
		System	Show to		
		RADIO	11 16		

THE FORCES WHICH ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK MIDWAY HAVE RETIRED SOME TO THE WESTWARD OTHERS PROBABLY TO THE NORTHWEST WHERE THEY HAVE ENTERED AN

AREA OF LOW VISIBILITY X THERE REMAINED WITHIN BOMBING RANGE BEFORE DARK ONE GROUP OF ONE BB AND FIVE DD WHICH TASK FORCE 16 WAS AT-

TACKING AND ONE GROUP OF 2 OR 3 CA AND 2 DD TO THE WEST BEING ATTACKED BY LONG RANGE BOMBERS FROM MIDWAY X RESULTS OF THESE ATTACKS

NOT YET REPORTED X THE RETIREMENT MAY BE TEMPORARY X ALL FORCES MUST BE ALERT AND PREPARED FOR FURTHER ENEMY ACTION X SOUTH OF

ALEUTIANS A FORCE OF 1 CV 3 CA 8 DD WAS AGAIN SIGHTED X NAVY COMMANDERS DELIVER TO APPROPRIATE ARMY COMMANDERS X ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

070803

✓ sent 0803/2
Subject File

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
 COMMANDER IN CHIEF
 U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
 OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 070829

To COMINCH

~~SECRET~~

17

ROUTINE 00 01

RADIO 16 11

THE RESULTS OF ACTIONS WITH THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENEMY FORCES WEST OF MIDWAY NOT YET RECEIVED X FORCE SIGHTED LAST NIGHT CONTAINING 2 DAMAGED CV WAS NOT PICKED UP AND NO CARRIER AIRCRAFT WERE SIGHTED TODAY X BELIEVE GOOD POSSIBILITY 1 CV MAY HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AND SUNK BY ACCOMPANYING SHIPS GUNFIRE LAST NIGHT X SARATOGA GROUP WILL LEAVE TONIGHT FOR MIDWAY AREA TO DELIVER PLANE REINFORCEMENTS TO TASKFORCE 16 AND THEN ACT AS CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE X WILL ACT AGAINST ALEUTIAN ATTACK FORCE IF SITUATION CONTINUES FAVORABLE IN MIDWAY AREA X NO NEWS FROM THE ALEUTIANS OTHER THAN AS REPORTED TO YOU BY NAS KODIAK AND COMNOWEST SEA FRONTIER TODAY

070829

Chronological
 INDEXED

sent 4854

Date 7 JUNE 42

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

From CINCPAC 070841

Info To:

Classification

Originator

G. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

97

ECN

To:

CTF 4, 7, 16, 17
CTG 11.1, 17.5

Precedence

Release

PRIOR

97

System

She

RDO

SEARCH BY AIR FROM MIDWAY 7 JUNE SECTOR 231-326 TO 350 MILES
BEGINNING 0430 Y (PLUS 12) X FORTRESSES GOT 2 HITS ON CRUISER
WITH 1600 POUND BOMBS AND SHE SANK IN 15 SECONDS ACCORDING TO
FIRST RETURNS

070841

CR #17
CV #17

PP

0930/7 ASE

~~PLX~~ 320
5-23/6

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE '42

From CINCPAC 071322.....

Info To:

Classification
-S-

Originator
97

C. W. O.
FWR

To: NAS MIDWAY

COMSUEPAC

Precedence
-OP-

Release
97

System
CABLE

Show to
-

FOR YOUR INFO X FRIENDLY SUBMARINE REPORTS THAT AT 0440 GCT
7TH POSITION 27-35 NORTH 174-30 EAST LEADING GROUP OF 3 FORTRESSES
IN A FLIGHT OF 12 BOMBED HER ON THE SURFACE X NO DAMAGE X
NEAR MISSES X NO ANSWER SEARCHLIGHT CHALLENGE.

071322

Subject File

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 071541

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

98

B

To:

NAS MIDWAY

Precedence

Release

OP

System

Show to

CABLE

REGARDING YOUR SEARCH TODAY EXPECT TF-16 TO PASS TO NORTH
OF YOU ON COURSE EASTERLY

SENT AT 1543/FR

071541

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 071750

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SECRET

31

LJO

Procedure

Release

Crypto
Group

OP

01

System

Show to

PLAIN

CABLE

To:
NAS MIDWAY

POSIT OF JAP SUBMARINE 28.5 NORTH 177.5 WEST X BY DIRECTION
FINDER

SENT AT 1800/7TH/MR

071750

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 071804

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

~~SECRET~~

95

LJO

Precedence

Release

Crypto Group

P

11

System

Show to

CABLE

PLAIN

To: NAS MIDWAY

YOUR 070735 WHAT WAS TIME OF ATTACK AND POSITION
OF CRUISER ATTACKED BY FORTRESSES

SENT AT 1808/7TH/WR

071804

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

**CLASSIFIED
OUTGOING**

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPACØ71816.....

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

SECRET

LNO

To: NAS MIDWAY
COMPATWING 2

CTF7

Precedence

Release

OP

System

Show to

CABLE

FOR THE PRESENT INSURE THAT OWN AIRCRAFT DO NOT REPEAT
NOT BOMB SUBS EXCEPT IN CONNECTION AIR COVERAGE FOR
YORKTOWN X ALSO ACTION COMPATWING 2

SENT AT 1821/7TH/MR

Ø71816

Subject File

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date **JUNE 7 1942**

From **CINCPAC 071827**

Info To:

To
MIDWAY

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	JEG
Precedence	Release	Crypto Group
P	18	
System	Show to	
CABLE		

**DIRECT GUADALUPE RETAIN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND GALLONS AVGAS
ON BOARD X HAS KALOLI ARRIVED**

071827

Chon
ORIGINATOR

1836/7
2/7

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

~~CLASSIFIED~~
OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 071910

Info To:

To: NAS MIDWAY (CABLE)

~~SECRET~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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Classification	Priority	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	LJO
Procedure	11	Crypto Group
OP	11	
System	10	
CABLE	10	PLAIN

DELIVER TO GUADALUPE FOR ACTION X GUADALUPE BLUE RALPH TALBOT
DEPART MIDWAY BY 0530Z/8 JUNE X PROCEED TO ARRIVE LATITUDE 32-00

NORTH LONGITUDE 178-00 WEST AT 2130Z/8TH X RENDEZVOUS THERE WITH
TASK FORCE SIXTEEN AND CIMARRON X FUEL AS DIRECTED X FROM MIDWAY

REPORT QUANTITY AVGAS DELIVERED TO KALOLI PRIOR DEPARTURE X FOR
COMTASKFOR SIXTEEN AT RENDEZVOUS GUADALUPE WILL HAVE AT LEAST

100,000 GALLONS AVGAS FOR CARRIERS AND 45,000 BARRELS FUEL X
NECESSARY COMMANDS ARE INFORMED

SENT AT 1915/7TH/MR

071910

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Let me know at 1915
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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From: CINCPAC 071921 To: MINCH	Info To:	Classification SECRET	Originator 31	C. W. O. NBM
		Precedence -OP-	Release 31	
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FROM MIDWAY RECIEVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT IN THE CLEAR CABLE X
 RESIN X REGRET REPORT YORKTOWN CAPSIZED AND SANK AT 0500 Y (PLUS 2)

071921

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 7 JUNE 1942

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From CINCPAC.....071936.....

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To: NAS MIDWAY

TWO DF BEARINGS AT 1640 GREENWICH TIME X CINC SECOND
AND COMCRUDIV 7 BEAR 284 AND 294 RESPECTIVELY FROM
OAHU X PROPER FORCE COMDRS HAVE FOR ACTION

SENT AT 1945/7TH/MR

071936

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From	CINCPAC 071944	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
To:	CTF9 MIDWAY	COMGEN HAW DEPT.	SECRET	01	LJO
			Precedence	Release	
			OP	01	
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			CABLE		

INFORM GENERAL TINKER THAT SHOULD HE SIGHT ENEMY SURFACE SHIPS
HE SHOULD BOMB SURFACE SHIPS EVEN IF SUCH ACTION MAKES IT
NECESSARY FOREGO ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE. X ALSO ACTION PATWING
TWO COMDR

SENT AT 1949/7TH/MR

071944

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From CINCPAC 072023
CTF 16

Info To:
COMSERFORPAC
CTF 17, 4, 7, 9

Classification SECRET	Originator 31	C. W. O.
PRIORITY	Release 31	
System RADIO	Show to	

PARAPHRASE FOLLOWS OF MY 071910 ACTION TO MIDWAY FOR FURTHER
DELIVERY TO GUADALUPE FOR ACTION X BLUE RALPH TALBOT AND GUADALUPE
LEAVE MIDWAY BY 0530 GCT JUNE 8 X PROCEED TO ARRIVE LAT 32-00 NORTH
LONG 178-00 WEST AT 2130 GCT 8TH X RENDEZVOUS THERE WITH TF 16 AND
CIMARRON X FUEL AS INSTRUCTED X FROM MIDWAY REPORT AMOUNT AVGAS
DELIVERED TO KALOLI PRIOR DEPARTURE X FOR CTF 16 AT REDEZVOUS
GUADALUPE WILL HAVE AT LEAST 30,000 GALS AVGAS FOR CARRIERS
AND 45,000 BARRELS FUEL

072023

Chronological
ORIGINATOR

but at 2047

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 7 JUNE 42

072141

From CINCPAC
NAVAJO

To SEMINOLE

Info To:

CTF 4, 7, 9, 16, 17
COMSOPAC
MIDWAY

~~SECRET~~

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Precedence
OP

Release
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RADIO

16
How to

RETURN TO PEARL X PASS FIFTY MILES SOUTH REPEAT SOUTH OF
FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS AND THIRTY MILES SOUTH OF KAULA
ISLAND X ADJUST SPEED TO ARRIVE DURING DAYLIGHT

To Midway by air 072238

072141

Chon
ORIGINATOR

sent at 2209

Date **08 JUNE 1942**

U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

From **CINCPAC 080056**

Info To

Classification

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Originator

17

C. W. O.

To

NAS MIDWAY

Precedence

PRIORITY

Release

Crypto
Group

System

CABLE.

Show to

HAVE YOU ENOUGH SURFACE VESSELS FOR RESCUE WORK

080056

SENT 0059/ 8 JUNE / LP

Chronological
ORIGINATOR

Date **8 JUNE '42**

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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From **CINCPAC 080349**

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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Precedence

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System

Show to

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16, 17

To:

MIDWAY (VIA 080304)

COMINCH

AT 0100 OCT CUTTLEFISH WAS BOMBED BY ENEMY BOMBER 270 DEGREES DISTANCE 420 MILES FROM MIDWAY

080349

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ORIGINATOR

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U S PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 8 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 080351

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To COMINCH

Precedence
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Release
11-00

System
RDO

Show To
11-16

NO ENEMY SURFACE FORCES SIGHTED IN THE MIDWAY AREA TODAY X BELIEVE
HE IS CONTINUING HIS WITHDRAWAL AND AM CHASING WITH SUBMARINE FROM
MIDWAY AREA AND ATTEMPTING TO INTERDEPT WITH OTHERS RETURNING FROM
PATROL X AS REPORTED IN HIS 070756 WHICH WAS SENT TO YOU SPRUANCE
IS PROCEEDING EAST FOR FUEL AFTER WHICH I PLAN TO SEND HIS FORCE
NORTH X OTHER REINFORCEMENTS FOR THEOBALD AS SEPARATELY REPORTED X
THE BB REPORTED GUTTED AND ABANDONED BY COMMANDER MASK FORCE 16 IS
SHOWN BY PHOTOGRAPH TO BE MOCAMI CLASS CRUISER X A NUMBER OF SUB-
MARINES ARE BELIEVED IN THE OAHU MIDWAY AREA X SARATOGA GROUP WITH
EXTRA PLANES LEFT THIS MORNING TO MEET SPRUANCE X PARA X BESIDES
REPORTED TRANSPORT LAST NIGHT THERE WERE 2 CONTACTS WITH ENEMY
AIRCRAFT REPORTED IN THE ALEUTIAN AREA

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 8 JUNE 42

From CINGPAC 080429

To CTF 8, 16, 17

Info To:
COMNWSEAFRON COMINCH
COMCARPAC ADMIN
COMCRUPAC ADMIN
COMDESPAC ADMIN
COMALSEC

Classification	Originating	C. W. O.
SECRET	12	D.
Priority	01	
System	Radio	

TASK FORCES SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN RENDEZVOUS IN POSITION 86 QUINCY 50 AT 19 HOURS OCT 10 JUNE X SARATOGA FLY AIRCRAFT BOMBS AND PERSONNEL TO ENTERPRISE AND HORNET AS DIRECTED BY CTF 16 TO BRING THESE

TWO CARRIERS TO BEST PRACTICABLE STRENGTH BEARING IN MIND THAT SARATOGA WILL RETURN TO PEARL FOR REPLENISHMENT AND THAT ENTERPRISE AIR-RESTING GEAR IS NOT SUITABLE FOR TBF PLANES X RADIO SILENCE IS TO BE

MAINTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH PLANE TRANSFER NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS BEING TRANSFERRED BY PLANE OR DESTROYER X MYDIS 070121 X SARATOGA ALSO TRANSFER TO CTF 16 ALL COPIES OF TF 8 ORDERS AND INFORMATION

CONCERNING ALASKA RECENTLY FURNISHED AT PEARL X TF 16 REAR ADMIRAL SPRUANCE HORNET ENTERPRISE NORTHAMPTON PENSACOLA VINCENNES MINNEAPOLIS NEW ORLEANS ATLANTA BALCH MAURY ELLET CONYNGHAM PHELPS DEWEY

WORDEN AYLWIN MONAGHAN KASKASKIA (LESS DESTROYER ESCORTING PLATTE IF LISTED ABOVE) PROCEED TO PASS THROUGH POINT BLOW LAT 48-00 0000 NORTH LONG 172-00 WEST AT 0400 OCT 13 JUNE AT WHICH TIME

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ORIGINATOR

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TASKFOR 16 WILL PASS UNDER THE COMMAND OF CTF 8 REAR ADMIRAL THEO-
BALD WHO MAY JOIN AT BLOW IF HE DESIRES X UNTIL ASSIGNED ANOTHER
TASK BY CTF 8 THE TASK OF TF 16 IS TO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY ENEMY

FORCES IN THE ALEUTIAN AREA AND EXPLOIT ANY FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY
TO DAMAGE THE ENEMY ENROUTE X AFTER TF 16 PASSES UNDER COMMAND OF
CTF 8 THE TASK OF BOTH FORCES IS "DESTROY OR DRIVE OUT ENEMY FORCES

IN THE ALEUTIAN-ALASKAN AREA" X TF 17 REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER SARATOGA
ASTORIA PORTLAND SANDIEGO MORRIS RUSSEL MUSTIN ANDERSON LAFFEY
MAHAN SMITH PRESTON AFTER COMPLETION OF PLANE TRANSFERS RETURN TO

PEARL X WHEN TF 16 FINISHES FUELLING FROM CIMARRON GUADALUPE CTF 16
SEND THEM TO PEARL WITH BLUE RALPH TALBOT AND HUGHES AS ESCORT

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ORIGINATOR

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From CINCPAC

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To COMINCH
COMSOPACFOR
ALL TF COMDRS IN PAC
OPNAV

ALL NAVSEAFRON COMDRS
LESS LANT, CARIB,
GULF
ACNB, AZNB
COMDR NAVFOR EUROPE

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SEC	<i>25</i>	RLK
Precedence	Release	
PPP	<i>01</i>	
System	<i>16</i>	
RDO	<i>16 OR 17</i>	

ACTION AT MIDWAY DOPE NOT INCLUDED HEREIN X INDICATION MARCUS
BEING USED AS REFUELING POINT FOR AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO WAKE
AND MARSHALLS X OUR 85TH X COM FIRST AIR FLEET SHIFTED FLAG TO
NAGARA X FROM 1000 TO 1400Z/7 BY TF SUBMARINES 23-30 167-30 X
24-30 168-30 X 30-40 177-15 X 44 171 X ALL NORTH AND WEST

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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OUTGOING

Date 8 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 080646

Info To:

To: NAS MIDWAY

COMTASKFOR 9

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PLAIN

YOUR 080342 NO OBJECTION X NOW CONFIRMED THAT GUTTED
AND ABANDONED SHIP IS MOGAMI CLASS CRUISER WHICH SHOULD
BE SUNK X THREE OF OUR SUBS ENROUTE THERE X DO NOT
BOMB THEM

SENT AT 0655/8TH/MR

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Date 8 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 080931

To COMINCH COMSOPAC
COMPANSEAFRON
COMAIRSOPAC
COMWESSEAFRON
COMNAVEU

Info To:
ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS
OPNAV
COMGENHAWDEPT
MIDWAY
COMNORWESSEAFRON

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Precedence	16	
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ENEMY GROUP WHICH TASK FORCE 16 BOMBED YESTERDAY SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE
DAMAGE AND 1 MOGAMI WAS REPORTED GUTTED AND ABANDONED IN LAT 28-55
NORTH LONG 173-08 WEST X THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN NO BB IN THIS
GROUP X CONTACT WITH SURFACE FORCES LOST DURING NIGHT AND NO AIR-
CRAFT SIGHTED TODAY EXCEPT BY SUBMARINES WITHIN DISTANT AIR SEARCH
OF WAKE AND 1 CRUISER SCOUT PLANE BEARING 264 DISTANCE 545 FROM
MIDWAY AT 1830Z X SUBMARINES ACTIVE THROUGHOUT MIDWAY-OAHU AREA AND
BELIEVED TO BE CONCENTRATING IN APPROACHES TO PEARL HARBOR X ENEMY
CONTACTS IN ALEUTIANS 1 TRANSPORT AND 2 GROUPS OF AIRCRAFT X NAVY
COMMANDERS DELIVER TO APPROPRIATE ARMY COMMANDERS

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
U.S. NAVAL HEADQUARTERS

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Date 8 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 082029

To COMINCH

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YOUR 071954 AND 071530 X THOUGH MY 070829 CONTEMPLATED EMPLOYMENT OF SARATOGA IN NORTHERN AREA DECISION ARRIVED AT IN MY 080429 WAS MADE BECAUSE HAZARD TO ONE CARRIER WOULD BE UNDULY HIGH AND BE-

CAUSE SARATOGA AIR GROUP REQUIRES MORE TRAINING X CONTINUED STRENUOUS EMPLOYMENT FOR THE TWO CARRIERS INVOLVED MUST THEREFORE BE ACCEPTED X SARATOGA WILL FURNISH PLANES AS NEEDED TO TASK FORCE

16 AND WILL THEN RETURN TO PEARL TO REPLENISH AND FERRY AIRCRAFT TO MIDWAY AND THEN COMPLETE TRAINING X FITCH WILL COMMAND SARATOGA TASK FORCE X FLETCHER WILL BE GIVEN A REST AND PROBABLY TAKE

WASP GROUP X THROUGH OVERSIGHT BELIEVE MOVE OF BATTLESHIPS OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO ON 5TH WAS NOT REPORTED TO YOU X THEY ARE 1000 MILES WEST OF THAT PLACE TODAY AND WILL BE AT SEA AVAILABLE FOR

082029

ORIGINATOR

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EVENTUALITIES UNTIL THEIR RETURN VIA SANPEDRO ON 19TH X LONG ISLAND IS WITH THEM IN ACCORDANCE MY 020157 X ON HER RETURN SHE WILL BE USED FOR TRAINING CARRIER GROUPS UNLESS AND UNTIL REQUIR-

ED TO ASSIST KITTYHAWK AND HAMMONDSPORT IN AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT X ADDITIONAL AVG'S ASSIGNED WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE VERY USEFUL BUT INCREASING EMPLOYMENT OF BB'S IN ADVANCED AREAS DEPENDS UPON INCREASED STRENGTH IN REGULAR CARRIERS FIGHTING AIRCRAFT AND DESTROYERS

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ORIGINATOR

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Date 8 JUNE 42

From CINFAC 082113

Info To:

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To:
ALL TASK FORCE
COMMANDERS

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SEC	17	JSC
Priority	Release	Crypto Group
PRI	01	
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THERE ARE GOOD INDICATIONS THAT ORANGE SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO SEARCH FOR AND ATTACK OUR FORCES RETURNING TO PEARL X RDF PLOTS SHOW JAP SUBMARINES ON BEARINGS AND DISTANCES FROM MIDWAY X ONE X ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE DEGREES ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE MILES X ONE X ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR DEGREES THREE HUNDRED FIFTY MILES X ONE X EIGHTY ONE DEGREES TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE MILES X PRESENCE OF MORE SUBMARINES BETWEEN MIDWAY AND OAHU SUSPECTED

082113

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ORIGINATOR

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Date 8 JUNE 42

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From CENCPAC 082225

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To: ASP HAWAIIAN AREA
CTF 16, 17

JAP 4 ENGINED SEAPLANE REPORTED WAITING IN AREA OF BAD WEATHER
276 MILES BEARING 274 FROM MIDWAY AT 2135 GCT

082225

CV# 43
OR# 39
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Date 9 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 090039	Info To:	Classification	Originator	C. W. Q.
To: NAS MIDWAY	COMCARPAC (ADMIN)	SECRET	95	JBD
	COM 14	Precedence	Release	Crypto
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	Com Air Group 21	System	Show to	
		CABLE	11 16	

PRESENT SITUATION REQUIRES TASK FORCE 16 BE ~~SENT~~ SENT OTHER
AREA X WHILE BELIEVE NO IMMEDIATE ATTACK THREATENS MIDWAY WE
CANNOT TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED X FROM CONCPAC ACTION MIDWAY
INFO COMCARPAC (ADMIN) COM 14 COMPATWING 2 X WILL INCREASE
NUMBER MARINE SCOUT BOMBERS MIDWAY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE X
REQUEST NUMBERS AND MODELS SCOUT BOMBERS NOW REMAINING THERE
X ABOUT 18 JUNE WILL FLY OFF SQUADRON ARMY PURSUIT PLANES
FROM CARRIER FOR TEMPORARY DUTY MIDWAY UNTIL RELIEVED IN
ABOUT 2 MONTHS BY MARINE FIGHTING PLANES X FURTHER DETAILS
THIS PLAN LATER

090039

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 9 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 090341

To: COMINCH

Classification	Originator	C. W. O.
SECRET	17	JBD
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FOLLOWING SURVIVORS YORKTOWN AND HAMMANN ARRIVED PEARL 108
OFFICERS 2085 ENLISTED X 14 OF ABOVE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED X 330

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND MEN OF WHICH 40 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED
STILL ENROUTE X LATE REPORT STATES WHEN YORKTOWN TORPEDOED

HAMMANN WAS ALONGSIDE AND SANK AND VIREO HAD CARRIER IN TOW X
ENEMY SUBMARINES CONTINUE OPERATIONS MIDWAY OAHU AREA BUT HAVE

MADE NO ATTACKS X A JAP SEAPLANE WAS SIGHTED BEARING 274 DEG-
REB 276 MILES FROM MIDWAY WHERE THE WEATHER IS REPORTED BAD X

NO CHANGE IN THE ALASKAN SITUATION X THE CALIFORNIA WAS UN-
DOCKED YESTERDAY AND THE WEST VIRGINIA WILL BE DOCKED TO-

MORROW

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ORIGINATOR

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 9 JUNE 1942

From CINCPAC 090746

Info To:

Classification

Originator

C. W. O.

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To:

MIDWAY

OUR OWN SUBMARINE CUTTLEFISH REPORTS THAT SHE PASSED THROUGH AREA 28-52 N 173-18 EAST AND THAT THE AREA FOR SEVERAL SQUARE MILES WAS COVERED WITH WRECKAGE FROM LARGE SHIP EQUIPPED TO HANDLE

PLANES X NOTHING WAS AFLOAT WITHIN THIRTY MILES X PARA X THIS IS ALMOST SAME POSIT THAT TASK FORCE SIXTEEN REPORTS LEAVING AN ABANDONED AND GUTTED CRUISER X PARA X ON TUESDAY NINE JUNE SEND

PLANES TO SEARCH THAT AREA CAREFULLY OBSERVE WRECKAGE TO ATTEMPT TO RECOGNIZE ANYTHING THAT WILL ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SHIP X REPORT RESULTS SEARCH TO CINCPAC ON RETURN OF PLANES

090746

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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Date 9 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 091135

To COMINCH

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RDO		

THREE PLANES MY 082133 RETURNED MIDWAY X HAD ARRIVED
VICINITY OF TARGET TOO LATE TO ATTACK BEFORE DAYLIGHT
MADE SECURITY IMPOSSIBLE X FOURTH B-24 WITH GENERAL
TINKER ABOARD FEARED LOST ABOUT 40 MINUTES AFTER TAKE-
OFF X SPECIAL SEARCHES TODAY AND TOMORROW

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 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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DATE: JUNE 1963

FROM: CINCPAC 191154

Info To

Classification SECRET	Originator 16	C. N. O. f
Precedence ROUTINE	Release 16	Crypto Group
System CABLE	Show to	

HONOLULU OK21 2200AM NINTH
 NAVSTA MIDWAY:-

SECRET 191154 YOUR 080529 WHAT DID PT'S SEE AND DO IN
 CONNECTION DAMAGED SHIPS IN NORTHWEST AREA

SENT AT 1154 MUX/1B/

091154

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Date 9 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 091203

To COMINCH

Info To

Classification	Originator	C. W. U.
SECRET	16	JBD
Precedence	Release	
ROUTINE	16	
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NEW INFORMATION INDICATES POSSIBLE OBJECTIVE MY 090747 AND
YOUR 081930 WAS NOT LEFT AFLOAT X CUTTLEFISH SEARCHED AREA

IN WHICH GUTTED CA WAS REPORTED AND FOUND SEVERAL SQUARE
MILES COVERED WITH WRECKAGE FROM LARGE SHIP OR SHIPS EQUIPPED

TO HANDLE PLANES X AM CONTINUING SEARCH OF GENERAL AREA AND
WILL ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN AT LEAST IDENTIFYING EQUIPMENT

REF 090747: YOUR 081930 WILL ENDEAVOR COMPLY

REF 081930: HIGHEST QUARTERS WOULD REJOICE IN SALVAGE OF
ENEMY COMBATANT VESSEL FOR MORALE AND PUBLICITY
PURPOSES

091203

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—ORIGINATOR

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Date **9 JUNE 42**

From CINCPAC **091833**

To COMTASKFOR 16
COMTASKFOR 17

COMTASKFOR 8
COMINCH
COMCARPAC

Classification	Priority	C. W. O.
SECRET	95	WTR
ROUTINE	01	
RADIO	01	

THE PERFORMANCE OF TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 IN THE MIDWAY BATTLE WAS SUPERB AND CONSISTENT WITH THEIR PREVIOUS RECORD OF BRILLIANT BOLDNESS X I REGRET THEIR PERSONNEL LOSSES FAR MORE THAN THOSE OF MATERIAL X THEIR HEROIC AND RESOLUTE DETERMINATION HOWEVER WAS THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN PRODUCING A GREAT VICTORY FOR THEIR COUNTRY X TASK FORCE 16 MUST AGAIN BE CALLED UPON TO ASSAIL THE ENEMY X IT IS HOPED THAT THEIR GALLANT VETERANS WILL HAVE SOME HARD EARNED REST ENROUTE TO THE ALEUTIAN AREA X I HAVE ENTIRE CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF TASK FORCE 16 TO HELP DESTROY THE ENEMY THERE AS THEY OVERWHELMED HIM IN THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY THUS COMPLETING THE REVERSAL OF HIS WAR EFFORT

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Date **09 JUNE 1942**

From CINCPAC **091854**

Info To:

Class. Action Originator C. W. O.

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To: **NAS MIDWAY**

Precedence Release Crypto Group

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System Show to

CABLE

MY 090746 X IF POSSIBLE EXTEND SEARCH TO AREA 269 DEGREES 650
MILES FROM MIDWAY X INTELLIGENCE INDICATES DAMAGED ENEMY
SHIP THAT POSITION BT

CINCPAC

SENT 1856/ 9 JUNE /LP

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Date 10 JUNE 42

From CINCPAC 101957

Info To:

Classification
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Originator
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C. W. C.
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To: COMINCH

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HANDLE THIS MESSAGE WITH GREATEST SECRECY X AGREE IN GENERAL
WITH ESTIMATE ENEMY INTENTIONS YOUR 100045 X AM TAKING MEASURES
TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY ENEMY OCCUPATION ALEUTIAN POINTS
X HOLDING TASK FORCE SIXTEEN IN PRESENT AREA UNTIL SITUATION
IS CLEARER

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IN GENERAL AGREE YOUR 140639 WITH THESE COMMENTS COLON COM 14 142138 AND INDICATED DATES DEPARTURE STRONG ENEMY UNITS FROM EMPIRE WATERS LAST WEEK MAY CREATES THE PRESUMPTION OF OFFENSIVE STARTING FROM TRUK 15 TO 20 JUNE AND LASTING MORE THAN ONE MONTH X WITH THIS LENGTH OF TIME AND PROBABLE NAVAL SUPPORTING FORCE OF 4 BB 5 TO 7 CV 6 CA 4 CL NUMEROUS DD PLUS STRONG SHORE BASED AIR IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT NOT ONLY MORESBY BUT ALSO EITHER NE AUSTRALIA OR NEW CALEDONIA AND FIJIS MAY BE OBJECTIVES X SINCE MAY 12 THERE IS AN APPARENT SHIFT IN PART OF PLAN WHEREBY EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FOR CAPTURE MIDWAY MAY LEAVE GUAM SAIPAN ABOUT 24 MAY SUPPORTED BY AT LEAST CARDIV 3 X THIS MAY BE FOR ELIMINATING MIDWAY AS SUB REFUELING BASE AND ALSO TO DIVERT OUR FORCES AWAY FROM SOPAC X ALASKA IS ASSOCIATED BUT NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT X HOWLAND AND BAKER MAY BE OBJECTIVES PRESENT OPERATION INSTEAD OF NAURU AND OCEAN X WAR DEPT APPROVED NOT SENDING PURSUIT PLANES TO CANTON

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ON GENERAL EMMONS RECOMMENDATION X I AGREE PURSUIT SHOULD BE
 THERE BUT THEY MUST COME FROM HAWAII GARRISON PARA TODAY'S
 REPORTS FROM SOPAC BASES GIVE MORE FAVORABLE VIEW THAN YOUR
 DESPATCH ^{AS} TO FEASIBILITY OF SHORE BASED AIR OPERATIONS X ^{THIS}
 YEAR WE CANNOT HAVE ENOUGH AIR THERE TO ENSURE EACH ISLANDS
 SAFETY UNLESS SUPPORTED BY AIR FROM OTHER ISLANDS NEARBY AND
 ALSO BY FLEET UNITS X THEREFORE ESSENTIAL WE INAUGURATE AT
 ONCE A SYSTEM WHEREBY AIR CAN PROMPTLY BE FLOWN FROM AUSTRALIA
 AND HAWAII TO ANY PART OF THE REGION X THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION
 THERE SEEMS SO SERIOUS THAT I REGRET YOU PREFER NOT TO EMPLOY
 YORKTOWN AND LEXINGTON PERSONNEL ASHORE AND I BELIEVE AT LEAST
 YOU SHOULD SEND TORPEDOES TORPEDO CREWS AND TORPEDO PLANE
 PILOTS TO FIJI AND NEW CALEDONIA IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO USE
 TORPEDOES ON ARMY MEDIUM BOMBERS X PARA X ALSO REGRET TASKFOR 16
 MOVEMENT TO FORWARD AREA LED TO ITS DISCOVERY BY ENEMY X

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RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT TASK FORCES MY 272058 APRIL ARE
 TEMPORARILY REMOVED X PARA X YOUR PARA 9 IN VIEW STRONG INDICATION
 THAT FAR MORE THAN CAPTURE OF MORESBY IS INVOLVED IN PROBABLE
 ENEMY OFFENSIVE SOPAC DESIRE YOU CONCERT PLAN WITH MACARTHUR
 AND INFORM ME AS TO ITS NATURE X

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RELEASED BY				ROUTINE	
DATE	May 21, 1942			DEFERRED	
TOR CODER ROOM		INFORMATION	COMNOWESTSEAFRON	PRIORITY	PPP
DECODED BY			COMALSEC	ROUTINE	
PARAPHRASED BY			CHIEF OF STAFF, US ARMY COMWESTERNSEAFRON	DEFERRED	

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COMWESTERNSEAFRON

UR TWO ZERO ZERO ONE FOUR THREE WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED TO ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

X PROSPECTIVELY STATE OF FLEET OPPOSED INVASION WILL EXIST UNTIL AND IF INVASION IN FORCE OF KODIAK OR CONTINENTAL ALASKA BECOMES IMMINENT X TO PREPARE FOR THIS ARMY AND NAVY AIR UNITS IN ALASKA ^{HEREBY} ARE DIRECTED TO FORM TASK GROUP OF NORTHERN PACIFIC FORCE UNDER ARMY AIR COMMANDER PAREN GEN BUTLER PAREN WHO WILL REPORT TO COMMANDER NORTHERN PACIFIC FORCE PAREN THEOBALD PAREN FOR THIS PURPOSE ~~WHEN DIRECTED BY LATTER~~ UPON HIS ARRIVAL ALASKA THEATRE X COMMAND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REMAINDER ARMY FORCES ALASKA AND NORTH PACIFIC FORCE TO BE BY MUTUAL COOPERATION CMA THEOBALD DEALING WITH CG ALASKAN DEFENSE COMMAND PAREN GEN BUCKNER PAREN X CONSULT COMALSEC AS TO METHOD OF COMMUNICATING BETWEEN NAVAL UNITS AT SEA AND ARMY GROUND AND AIR FORCES X FOR BETTER COORDINATION RECOMMEND EXCHANGE OF LIAISON OFFICERS BETWEEN THEOBALD AND BUTLER X ARMY CONCURS X ^{IMMEDIATELY} CONSIDER AN ADDITIONAL SQUADRON OF TWELVE WEST COAST PBY SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ALASKA TO BRING TOTAL TO TWENTY PLUS

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FROM COMINCH

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DATE May 21, 1942

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FOLLOWING AMPLIFICATION ESTIMATE MY ONE SEVEN TWO TWO TWO ZERO PARA ONE DEPARTURE DATE OF TWENTYSEVEN MAY FROM GUAM SAIPAN OF MIDWAY OCCUPATION FORCE INDICATES LANDING ATTACK MIDWAY MAY BE SCHEDULED NIGHT OF TWO DASH THREE JUNE YOKE X I ASSUME QUOTE N DAY UNQUOTE IS THREE JUNE AND THAT CARRIER AND GUN ATTACKS MAY BE INITIATED ONE JUNE X THIS WOULD SEEM TO PRECLUDE PRIOR CARRIER RAIDS ON OAHU X COMPOSITION OF MIDWAY ATTACK FORCE NOW SEEMS TO BE FOUR FAST BB OF BATDIV THREE X SIX CA OF CRUDIVS SEVEN AND EIGHT X DESRONS TWO AND FOUR X CARDIVS ONE AND TWO POSSIBLY PLUS ZUIKAKU ^{X submarines} PARA TWO LAST FUELING DATE OF TWENTYSIX MAY AT OMINATO INDICATES ATTACK ON UNALASKA CAN ALSO BE MADE ONE JUNE X COMPOSITION NORTHERN ATTACK FORCE NOW BELIEVED TO BE FIVE CA OF CRUDIVS FOUR AND FIVE X CARDIV THREE POSSIBLY PLUS ONE CV OR XCV X THREE DESDIVS OF DESRON ONE PARA THREE SLIGHT ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS OF SUPPORT BY FIRST FLEET UNITS

PARA FOUR ASSUME YOU WILL SUPPLY COMNORTHSEAFRON AND COMALSEC WITH SUCH INFORMATION AS THEY AND ARMY AUTHORITIES NEED TO KNOW

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RELEASED BY	<i>G. King</i>				ROUTINE
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INFORMATION CONTINUES TO CONFIRM MY TWO ONE ONE NINE THREE ZERO AS TO

COMPOSITION AND OBJECTIVES OF ENEMY TASK FORCES THOUGH COMFOURTEEN TWO FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO SIX SUGGESTS NORTHERN FORCE MAY BE ENROUTE

KISKA RATHER THAN UNALASKA PARA TWO PHASE OF MOON NO DOUBT HAS SUGGESTED TO YOU POSSIBILITY THAT INITIAL ATTACKS ON MIDWAY MAY OCCUR ANY TIME

DURING NIGHT IF WEATHER PERMITS X SEE COMFOURTEEN ONE EIGHT ONE NINE ZERO ZERO X I PRESUME YOU HAVE STATIONED LOOKOUT PARTIES ON OUTLYING

ISLANDS SUCH AS KURE PEARL AND HERMES BOGOSLOF ETC AS PART OF AIR RAID WARNING NET AS ENEMY MAY USE THESE ISLANDS AS AIRCRAFT GUIDE POSTS

PARA THREE BELLCOMMEN TWO TWO ZERO THREE TWO EIGHT I SUGGEST THAT LINE OF ENEMY SUBMARINES MAY BE STATIONED TO WESTWARD REPEAT WESTWARD

OF OAHU RATHER THAN TO EASTWARD PARA FOUR OPNAV TWO FOUR ONE NINE THREE ZERO INDICATES UNNECESSARY AND PROMISCUOUS USE IS BEING MADE

OF RADIO AND CALLS KNOWN TO ENEMY PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH PLANE MOVEMENTS AND THAT SECRECY OF YOUR ENTIRE DEPLOYMENT MAY THUS

BE COMPROMISED X IF PRACTICES LIKE THIS CONTINUE IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE EXTREMELY VALUABLE SOURCE OF OUR BEST INFORMATION WILL TRY

UP AND THAT ENEMY MAY ENTIRELY ALTER HIS TACTICAL PLANS

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FOLLOWING ESTIMATE CONTINUATION MY ONE SEVEN TWO TWO TWO ZERO AND TWO ONE ONE

NINE THREE ZERO PARA ONE IT IS REASONABLY WELL CONFIRMED THAT PRESENT ENEMY

CAMPAIGN IS AGAINST MIDWAY AND THE ALEUTIANS AND NOT AGAINST OAHU WEST COAST

OF UNITED STATES OR SOPAC ~~THE~~ ^{PARA TWO} MIDWAY OCCUPATION FORCE ESCORTED BY PART OFDESRON FOUR LEFT SAIPAN MAY TWENTYEIGHTH ~~GEORGE~~ AND PLANS ARRIVE MIDWAY JUNE

FIFTH YOKE THUS JUNE FIFTH IS ASSUMED AS QUOTE N DAY UNQUOTE

X THE MIDWAY STRIKING FORCE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT ARIAKE BAY NIGHT OF MAY

TWENTYSEVENTH GEORGE AND PROBABLY WILL ATTACK MIDWAY DURING LATTER PART OF

NIGHT OF JUNE TWO DASH THREE ~~THE~~ ^{PARA THREE} ALEUTIANS FORCE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE/OMINATOMAY TWENTYSIXTH ~~GEORGE~~ WITH CONVOY AND ESCORT OF DESTROYERS AND ONE LIGHTCRUISER PROCEEDING AT ABOUT TEN KNOTS X ^{300050 CCR 3073AS} IT COULD ARRIVE KISKA MAY THIRTYFIRST

OR JUNE FIRST YOKE WHICH SEEMS BADLY TIMED AS EFFORT AT DIVERSION THEREFORE

I CONSIDER WE SHOULD ASSUME UNALASKA AS THE OBJECTIVE AND THAT AIR ATTACK

MAY WELL OCCUR BETWEEN MAY THIRTYONE AND JUNE THREE YOKE AND LANDING ATTACK

BETWEEN JUNE ONE AND FOUR YOKE X PURPOSE OF ATTACK ON DATE EARLIER THAN MIDWAY

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MIGHT BE EFFORT AT DIVERSION PARA ~~FOUR~~ CAN NOT ENTIRELY AGREE YOUR TWO EIGHT TWO ONE FIVE THREE STILL BELIEVE ALEUTIANS STRIKING FORCE COMPOSED OF THE NACHI PLUS CRUDIVS FOUR AND FIVE TOTAL FIVE CA ONE OR TWO CL REMAINDER DESRON ONE NOT ESCORTING CONVOY CARDIV THREE OF TWO SMALL CV PLUS XCV OR XAV SUBRON ONE AND AIRON TWENTYTHREE X CONSIDER MIDWAY ATTACK FORCE COMPOSED OF BATDIV THREE OF FOUR BB CRUDIVS SEVEN AND EIGHT OF SIX CA SEVERAL CL ALL OF DESRON TWO AND REMAINDER DESRON FOUR NOT ESCORTING CONVOY CARDIVS ONE AND TWO OF FOUR CV AND SUBRON FIVE X BELIEVE ZUIKAKU WILL EITHER FORM PART OF THE STRIKING FORCE OR WILL JOIN CONVOY AS ESCORT ON JUNE FIRST GEORGE ~~X~~ NO FURTHER INDICATIONS OF SEAPLANE ATTACK ON OAHU

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FROM CINCPAC(INDEFINITE CALL)	FOR ACTION	COMALSEC HONESTSEAFROM CONSUBDIV 41 WESTSEAFROM	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 23 MAY 1942			RR ROUTINE
DATE 231113	INFORMATION	OPNAV NASHVILLE COMDESPAC	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM HUTCHINSON			RR PRIORITY
DECODED BY HUTCHINSON			ROUTINE
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TEXT

THIS IS DISPATCH BRIEF NY (CINCPAC) OPLAN 23-42.

NORTH PACIFIC FORCE ORGANIZED AS TASK FORCE 8 PACIFIC FLEET, UNDER REAR ADMIRAL THEOBALD. TASK GROUPS, 1-NASHVILLE, STLOUIS, HONOLULU, INDIANAPOLIS, LOUISVILLE. 2- CASE, REID, GRIDLEY, MCCALL, HUMPHREY, KING, SANDS, RATHBURNE AND DESDIV 82, LESS HATFIELD F WATERS. 3- CHARLESTON, ORIOLE, PATROL MINESWEEPING AND COAST GUARD CRAFT ASSIGNED ALASKAN SECTOR. 4- SUBDIV 41.

5. CASCO WILLIAMSON AND NAVY AND ARMY AIR UNITS IN ALASKA.

INFORMATION THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT JAPANESE PLAN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION TO SECURE ADVANCED BASES IN ALEUTIANS, COMMENCING ABOUT 1 JUNE, WITH FORCE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE 2 OR 3 CARRIERS; 5 OR 6 CRUISERS, ABOUT 16 DESTROYERS, 8 TO 10 SUBMARINES, PLUS TRANSPORTS AND AUXILIARY CRAFT.

COMNORTH PACFOR DEPARTS PEARL 22 MAY IN REID TO ARRIVE KODIAK 27 MAY FOR CONFERENCE WITH CAPTAIN PARKER COMALASKAN SECTOR

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GENERAL BUTLER UNITED STATES ARMY COMMANDING ALASKAN ARMY AND NAVY AIR AND GENERAL BUNKNER COMMANDING ALL OTHER ARMY FORCES IN ALASKA. NASHVILLE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE DUTCH HARBOR TO FUEL ABOUT 26 MAY, THENCE TO KODIAK. STLOUIS CASE SHOULD ARRIVE COLD BAY 30 MAY HONOLULU, INDIANAPOLIS, LOUISVILLE, GRIDLEY, MCCALL ALL COLD BAY BY 6 JUNE.

COMMAND RELATIONSHIP GENERAL BUTLER IS A TASK GROUP COMMANDER UNDER COMTASKFOR 8. LATTER AND GENERAL BUCKNER FUNCTION BY MUTUAL COOPERATION SO LONG AS STATUS FLEET OPPOSED INVASION OBTAINS GENERAL TASK NORTH PACIFIC FORCE IN COOPERATION WITH ARMY OPPOSE ADVANCE OF ENEMY ON ALEUTIAN-ALASKAN AREA, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EVERY FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLICT STRONG ATTRITION. TASKS COMPONENTS DEPART NORMAL BASES AND PROCEED WITH ALL POSSIBLE DESPATCH TO ALASKA, CRUISERS AND FLEET DESTROYERS AS DIRECTED BY SEPARATE DISPATCHES. UNITS FROM NORTHWESTERN AND WESTERN SEA FRONTIERS DISPOSED INITIALLY

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AS DIRECTED BY COMALASKAN SECTOR. SUBMARINES AT DUTCH HARBOR .
 AIR AS DIRECTED BY GENERAL BUTLER. LOGISTICS , FUEL AND
 PROVISIONS TO CAPACITY PRIOR DEPARTURE. NAVAL TANKER COMET WITH
 85,000 BARRELS FUEL ARRIVES KODIAK 30 MAY, AND GUADALUPE WITH
 85,000 ARRIVES 28 MAY. LIMITED FUEL AVAILABLE ALASKAN BASES.
 COMMUNICATION PER PAG 70 EXCEPT TASK GROUPS 8.1 AND 8.2. FREQUENCY
 PLAN 4 EXCEPT THAT UNITS NOT LINKING COMTASKFOR 8 DIRECTLY ALSO
 GUARD TASK FORCE COMMANDERS FREQUENCY. 8.4 GUARD 8270 KCS AND
 NPM FOX AS PRACTICABLE. 8.3 AND 8.5 AS ARRANGED BY COMALASKAN
 SECTOR. LATTER ALSO GUARD 4205 SERIES. CINCPAC GUARDS 4205 SERIES
 AND CONTROLS NPM PRIMARY FOX FOR RELAYS. USE ZONE ZERO TIME.
 COMALASKAN SECTOR DELIVER TO GENERALS BUTLER AND BUCKNER AND TO
 KODIAK AND DUTCH HARBOR. ACTION ADDRESSES INSURE DELIVERY ALL UNITS
 FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE.

ACTION...COMINCH (2 COPIES)
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DATE <u>25 MAY 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMWESTSEAFRON	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROM <u>1007/0831</u>			RRRR
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COMTASKFORCE EIGHT 250004 (WHICH FOLLOWS) I REPEAT I
 CONCUR X THE SUBJECT DISPATCH IS X QUOTE X FROM COM-
 TASKFORCE EIGHT TO CINCPAC FOR ACTION AND TO PASS TO ALL
 ADDEES X INFO COMINCH COMWESEAFRON COMALSEC PP COMALSECS
 231835 (FOX 726) X SUBMIT MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION AVAILABLE
 MAINLAND BASED NAVY PLANES AND LARGE CONCENTRATION OF SIM-
 ILAR ARMY PLANES ALONE CAN ASSURE DECISIVE TACTICAL RESULTS
 X WITH ADEQUATE STAFFING BASES THIS IS OUR FIRST OPPOR-
 TUNITY FOR DOMINATING AIR STRENGTH IN ALL TYPES AGAINST
 THE ENEMY X A TEMPORARY LESBENING OF DEFENSIVE DISPOSITIONS
 ON THE WEST COAST SHOULD OFFER CHANCE OF QUICK FAVORABLE
 DECISION IN FORCE WHICH WOULD PERMIT EARLY RETURN OF PLANES
 TO MAINLAND DEFENSE STATIONS AND WOULD FURTHER DEFENSIVE
 SECURITY OF WEST COAST IN BEST POSSIBLE MANNER X UNQUOTE

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RELEASED BY ADMIRAL KING <i>Wilson</i>			ROUTINE
DATE MAY 13, 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	C of S ARMY	PRIORITY P P P P P
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FOR YOUR ADVANCE INFORMATION RE ARMY TENTATIVE PLANS MY 121950 X
 ARMY PLANES NOW ENROUTE AUSTRALIA WILL BE DIVERTED AS FOLLOWS ~~SIXTEEN~~ ^{EIGHT}
 HEAVY THIRTEEN MEDIUM BOMBERS TO SUVA ~~THIRTEEN MEDIUMS TO NEW~~ ^{AND LIKE NUMBERS}
 CALEDONIA ~~ONE REGIMENT~~ ^{ONE REGIMENT} ANTI-AIRCRAFT NOW OAHU WILL BE SENT SUVA AND
 REPLACED BY ONE REGIMENT FROM WEST COAST WHICH IN TURN WILL BE
 REPLACED BY REGIMENT FROM EAST COAST X GENERAL EMMONS WILL BE
 DIRECTED PROVIDE ARMY AIR HEADQUARTERS ~~AND~~ AND NECESSARY GROUND
 PERSONNEL FOR ARMY SQUADRONS X AFFORD EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE
 BY NAVY INCLUDING AID BY GROUND CREWS AND RELIEF PILOTS FROM
 LEXINGTON AND YORKTOWN AS AVAILABLE X AIM IS TO GET THESE UNITS
 INTO POSITION BY MAY TWENTY FIFTH OR AS SOON AFTERWARD AS POSSIBLE
 PARA CONSIDERED IMPERATIVE THAT AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE COMAIRSOPAC
 ESTABLISH COMMAND ALL SHORE BASED AIR FORCES SOPAC ^{COMMA} GET EFATE
 AIRFIELD IN OPERATING CONDITION ^{COMMA} AND SET UP ADEQUATE AIR RAID
 WARNING SYSTEM THROUGHOUT ISLANDS THAT ARE UNDER OUR CONTROL
 INCORPORATING IN IT PRESENT AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COAST
 WATCHING PERSONNEL X OBTAIN DETAILS ARMY PLAN FROM

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	F-1231	EXTENSION NUMBER	2559	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	CONTINCH,	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PPP	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	May 21, 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION	COMGENHAWDET	PPP	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			CofS ARMY		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY					DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TIME

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TEXT

OCCUPATION ESPIRITU SANTO BY MEANS RECOMMENDED IN YOUR
 TWENTY TWENTY TWO TWENTY ONE APPROVED WITH UNDERSTANDING
 ARMY IS NOT PREPARED TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL TROOPS FROM
 UNITED STATES X CONSTRUCTION OF AIRFIELD IS NOT BELIEVED
 ADVISABLE UNTIL PROSPECTS OF REENFORCEMENTS MORE FAVORABLE X
 MINOR PREPARATIONS FOR USE AS A SEAPLANE BASE APPEARS DESIR-
 ABLE X CHIEF OF STAFF CONCURS X CINCPAC PASS TO GHORMLEY X

*cincpac pass to comgenhawdet x cofs army
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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMTASKFOR 17	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC COMSOMEPACFOR	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 5 MAY 1948			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2317 / 2340	INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
DECODED BY 1015H / 1050H			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

042226 OOR 2542

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

FROM COMTASKFOR 17 ACTION CINCPAC COMSOMEPACFOR.
(PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

YOKOTOWN AIRCRAFT MADE REPEATED ATTACKS ON ENEMY SHIPS
AT TULAGI ON MAY FOURTH LOCAL. TOTAL ATTACK FLIGHTS
FOUR FIGHTERS SEVENTYSIX SCOUT BOMBERS TWENTYTHREE TORPEDO
PLANES. POSITIVE ENEMY LOSSES. SUNK TWO DESTROYERS
FOUR TUGS OR GUNBOATS ONE CARGO SHIP. BEACHED AND SUNK
ONE LIGHT CRUISER. VERY BADLY DAMAGED POSSIBLY SUNK
ONE NINE THOUSAND TON AFIRM VICTOR ONE CARGO AFIRM KING.
BADLY DAMAGED ONE LIGHT CRUISER ONE TRANSPORT. SHOT
DOWN FIVE SEA PLANES. OUR LOSSES ONE TORPEDO PLANE AND
TWO FIGHTERS LOST RETURNING TO SHIP OTHER PLANES SLIGHT
DAMAGE FROM ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE. OLD TASK FORCE 17 PLUS
CHICAGO AND PERKINS STARTED FOR ATTACK NIGHT OF MAY 3RD
BEFORE RENDEZVOUS WITH CRACE. FITCH DELAYED BY FUELING.
ALL JOINED UP NOW. ENEMY 4 ENGINEED PATROL PLANE SHOT
DOWN AFTER TRAILING US THIS MORNING.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMTASKFOR 16	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		TASKFOR 17	ROUTINE
DATE 8 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0742 / 0628	INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / DUSH		COMTASKUNIT 6.4.1	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY		COMSOWESPACFOR	DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

080351 OOR 3258S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

FROM CINCPAC

AFTER ARRIVAL COMTASKFOR 16 IN NEW CALEDONIA AREA AND AT A TIME SELECTED BY HIM TASK FORCE 17 AS NOW AUGMENTED AND SERVICE FORCE UNITS SUPPORTING TASK FORCES IN SOUTH PACIFIC WILL COME UNDER COMMAND OF VICE ADMIRAL HALSEY. UNDER THAT OFFICER PRESENT ORGANIZATION AS SEPARATE TASK FORCES WILL BE RETAINED UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY HIM. COMSOWESPACFOR IS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE TO ARRANGE CO-ORDINATION OF HIS FORCES AS AT PRESENT OR AS REQUESTED BY HALSEY.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (RDO HONOLULU)	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (RDO WASH)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 8 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 0746 / 0624	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

TO COMINCH FROM CINCPAC.

SAIL SAIL CHLOE SUNK BY SUBMARINE 40 MILES SOUTH NEUMEA
 AND SS JOHN ADAMS ON FIRE AND ABANDONED NORTHEAST COAST
 NEW CALEDONIA. SIMS AND NEOSHO APPARENTLY SUNK BY DIVE
 BOMBERS WHICH EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE THAT WEAPON. I REPEAT
 I ESPECIALLY DESIRE ALL OF THAT TYPE YOU CAN SEND TO ME TO
 PROVIDE PROMPT REPLACEMENT FOR CARRIER LOSSES AND FOR
 BASE DEFENSE. PLATTE KANAWHA CUYAMA ENROUTE CRITICAL AREA
 FROM PEARL. BISHOPALE AT POPPY AND KURUMBA IN WEST
 CORAL SEA BOTH FILLED AND AVAILABLE IN EMERGENCY. TIP-
 PECANOE CAN FILL FROM SAIL SAIL E J HENRY NOW AT SUVA.
 AT 0124 GCT 8TH NEOSHO REPORTS STILL AFLOAT BUT TOTAL LOSS
 ONLY NEWS OF FLETCHER IS HIS 072228 AND 072350. WILL
 REPORT FURTHER.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM	CINCPAC	ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	MAY 8, 1942	INFORMATION	CTF 16 COM SW PACFOR	DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	1314/1237			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	BELL/CANNING			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

080909 CCR 32908

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCY

TEXT

THIS IS THE FOURTH AND LAST PART OF 080755. PART 1 WAS 080755, PART 2 WAS 080821, PART 3 WAS 080841.

LOSS OF NEOSHO PRODUCED CRITICAL FUEL SITUATION REGARDING WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION IN OTHER DISPATCHES. FLETCHER REPORTS ANOTHER JAPANESE CARRIER HAS PROBABLY JOINED JAP FORCES MAKING POSSIBLE 2 JAP CARRIERS TO 1 YORKTOWN. HALSEY'S EXACT POSITION INDETERMINATE BUT ESTIMATE HE CANNOT REACH CORAL SEA BEFORE 11TH WASHINGTON DATE AT EARLIEST. URGE RENEWED PRESSURE TO EXPEDITE PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY TO PACIFIC FLEET OF NAVAL FIGHTER, DIVE BOMBER AND TORPEDO PLANES TO MAKE GOOD HEAVY PLANE LOSSES AND TO PROVIDE A PROPER RESERVE FOR THE ACTIONS WHICH WE KNOW WILL FOLLOW.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (NPM)		COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 8 MAY 1941			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 2056/2036		COMSOUTWESTPACFOR	PRIORITY
DECODED BY CANNING/CANNING			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

Ø81923 CCR 3367S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GOT

TEXT ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC

IMMEDIATE RELEASE BY MACARTHUR FACTS CONCERNING TASK FORCE
SEVENTEEN OPERATIONS OF PAST TWO DAYS INADVISABLE. FOR
FUTURE SECURITY REQUEST YOU CONTROL DATES RELEASES PACFLEET
OPERATIONS.

Action taken by Admiral King

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCOPAC (NPM)	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTED
DATE 9 MAY 42	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TO/ROOM 0638/0620			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BUSH/PITKIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

090249 CCR-3446-S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCOPAC X

NO FURTHER WORD FROM FLETCHER X ORDERS TO HIM IN
 MY 090117 EAST COAST CONVOY ARRIVED STRAWSTACK X
 FOUR FLEET SUBMARINES CONCENTRATING TRUK APPROACHES
 TO PICK OFF CRIPPLES AND REINFORCEMENTS X
 NASHVILLE REPORTS DAMAGED PROPELLER AND RUDDER
 ON UNCHARTED SHOAL WHILE TOPPONG OFF FUEL AT
 MIDWAY AND IS RETURNING PEARL FOR REPAIRS THUS
 DELAYING HER OPERATIONS AT LEAST TEN DAYS X

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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CINCPAC (NERK)

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CTF 17

MAY 9 1942

1613/1550

COMINCH

PPPP

GLUNT/BELL

CTF 16

091507 CCR 3494S

COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC FLEET ORIGINATED THIS X

MY 090117 ELIMINATE WEST COAST DESTINATION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (NPM)			PPPPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY		COMTASKFORCE 16	ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 9 MAY 1942			
FOR CODEROM 2324/2256			PPPPPPPPPP
DECDED BY SMITH/SMITH		COMINCH COMSOWESTPACFOR	ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

091911 CCR 3550S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME SET
TEXT

(FROM CINCPAC)

EXCELLENT INDICATIONS ENEMY HAS POSTPONED MORESBY ATTACK
IS CONCENTRATING BOUGAINVILLE REPEAT BOUGAINVILLE AREA
AND WILL PROCEED WITH OCCUPATION NAURU REPEAT NAURU AND
OCEAN ISLANDS

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COMTASKFORCE 17

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

COMSOWESPACFOR

MAY 11 1942

0837/0830

WINTER.BELL.

COMTASKFORCE 16

OP OP OP

(PASSED BY CINCPAC
TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

092102 CCR 37889

FROM COMMANDER TASK FORCE 17 ACTION CINCPAC COMSOWESPACFOR
INFO COMTASKFOR 16.

THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY PURSUIT DURING YESTERDAY
EXCEPT THAT STRENGTH OF ENEMY RADIO ABOUT SUNSET INDICATED
PRESENCE OF CARRIER THIS VICINITY X I NOW BELIEVE BOTH
PILOTS REPORTING MORNING CONTACTS MISTOOK ROCKS FOR SHIPS
AND BREAKERS FOR WAKES X WILL STAND TO EASTWARD AND FUEL
DESTROYERS 10 MAY X WILL TRANSFER LEXINGTON PERSONNEL TO
SHIPS OF OLD TASK FORCE 17 X WALKER AND FARRAGUT NOW WITH
CRACE SOUTH OF PAPUA X I SHALL DETACH CRACE FROM MY COMMAND
AND DIRECT HIM TO REPORT TO COMSOWESPACFOR X REQUEST CINCPAC
ISSUE ORDERS CONCERNING WALKER AND FARRAGUT X SHALL REPLACE
WALKER IN MY TASK FORCE WITH ONE DESTROYER FROM TASKFORCE
11 X SHALL SEND KINKAID WITH MINNEAPOLIS NEW ORLEANS AND
OTHER DESTROYERS OF TASK FORCE 11 TO NOUMEA TO REPORT TO

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092142 CCR 3788 S P2 OF 2

HALSEY X YORKTOWN RADAR REFRIGERATION PLANT DEGAUSSING
GEAR OUT OF COMMISSION X FROM FRAMES 100 TO 130 EXTENDING
ACROSS SHIP BULKHEADS FRAMES AND DECKS FROM MAIN DECK TO
AND INCLUDING FOURTH DECK ARE BULGED AND RUPTURED X
NEAR MISSES HAVE PUNCTURED SHIPS HULL IN FUEL OIL COMPART-
MENTS AND CAUSED OIL LEAKS WHICH LEAVE AN EASILY
FOLLOWED SLICK X WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY IN DAMAGED AREA
DESTROYED X DETAILED INSPECTION AND TESTS WILL CONTINUE
AND WILL DISCLOSE OTHER DAMAGE AND DEFECTS TO CABLE LINES
AND GEAR X WILL PROCEED TONGATABU FOR FUEL ARRIVING FOUR
HOURS OR 21 HOURS ZED MAY 13 DEPENDING ON INFORMATION
FROM YOU FROM CINCPAC REGARDING TIME OF ARRIVAL OF
TANKER. FROM COMMANDER

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMF

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (NPN)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY ROUTINE
RELEASED BY _____			DEFERRED
DATE <u>10 MAY 1942</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <u>015/0103</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>FINKELDEY/SMITH</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY _____			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

192219 CCR 3572 S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

(CINCPAC TO COMINCH)

I RECOMMEND REAR ADMIRAL FRANK JACK FLETCHER BE DESIGNATED AS TASK FORCE COMMANDER WITH RANK OF VICE ADMIRAL AND AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN LINE OF HIS PROFESSION INVOLVING HIGHEST QUALITIES SEAMANSHIP ENDURANCE AND TENACITY IN CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS DURING A CRUISE OF APPROXIMATELY 11 WEEKS IN FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL AND MAY 1942 AND FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ACTIONS OF MAY FOUR SIX AND SEVENTH DURING WHICH HE INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES ON THE ENEMY X

RECOMMEND FURTHER THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN OF THE OPERATIONAL INFORMATION IN THIS CITATION X

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM CINC PAC		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 11 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CDR ROOM 0108/0021			PRIORITY
RECORDED BY BUSBY / PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

102319 CCR 3752S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE FULL INFORMATION MY NEEDS MY TEN
 TWENTY THREE FORTY SEVEN IS SENT TO LEND SUPPORT IF
 NECESSARY IN HIGHER ECHELONS XXX

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Make original safe. Deliver communication which officer in person. See AFM 78-11 NAVREGS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

ORIGINATOR

FROM CINCPAC

COMINCH

PPPPP

RELEASED BY

DATE 15 MAY 1942

FOR CODING 0322/0229

OPNAV
WAR DEPARTMENT
COM GEN HAW DEPT

PPPPP

ORIGINATOR BY PITKIN/PORTER

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSING AND NUMBER OF PAGES

150111 CCR 5512

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATA FOR TEXT

TEXT

(COMGEN HAW DEPT HAS THIS FOR INFORMATION X COMINCH
PLEASE PASS TO OPNAV AND WAR DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION)
TION)

COMBINED REQUIREMENTS WAR DEPARTMENT THIRTEEN ZERO ONE
FIVE EIGHT AND COMINCH THIRTEENTWO ONE FOUR ZERO EX-
PECTED TO MATERIALLY EXCEED CAPACITY OF MARMACSTAR X RECOM-
MENDPROCYON ARRIVING PEARL UNDER NEGAT TARE SAIL SAME DATE
AS MORMACSTAR ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE XXX

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM CINCPAC (NPM)

COMINCH

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RELEASED BY

DATE MAY 15 1942

TOR CODE ROOM 454/428

DECODED BY WINTER/FIELD

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

150233

CCR 5515

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

TEXT

FROM CINCPAC. ACTION COMINCH.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE NASHVILLE HAS BEEN DELAYED ONE DAY TO LOAD EIGHT 37 MM ANTIAIRCRAFT GUNS AND PERSONNEL FOR MIDWAY. HALSEY HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN SIGHTED BY ORANGE PLANES ABOUT 500 MILES EAST OF TULAGI. SARATOGA WILL BE READY AT SAN DIEGO JUNE 5.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	CINCPAC (NYCO)		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COM 11 CTF 17	ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE	17 MAY 1942		
TOR CODEROOM	0751/0539		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	GLUNT/BERRY	COM 11 COM 12 COMINCH	ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

170335 CCR 7914S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

COM 11 IS AN INFO ADEE. CINCPAC ORIGINATOR.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL SURVIVORS CORAL SEA ACTION BEING RETURNED MAINLAND BE INSTRUCTED THAT THEY ARE TO REFRAIN FROM ANY MENTION OF THE ACTION UPON THEIR ARRIVAL WEST COAST PORT. COM 11 IS REQUESTED BERTH TRANSPORTS WHERE DEBARKATION CAN BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT CONTACT WITH NEWSMEN. ALL PERSONNEL WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE REOUTFITTING. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLICITY REGARDING THIS MATTER UNTIL NAVY DEPARTMENT RELEASE. BARNETT AND ELLIOTT WILL STOP AT SAN DIEGO TO DISCHARGE EXCESS PERSONNEL ENROUTE SAN FRANCISCO.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMSOWESTPACFOR	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 18 MAY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM 0725/0610		CTF 17	PRIORITY
DECODED BY EDWARDS/BERRY		CTF 16	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY		(NPM PASSED TO NSS FOR INFO)	DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

170507 CCR 8051S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

FLETCHERS 152126 UNDER OPERATING CONDITIONS CORAL SEA BELIEVE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT FOR COORDINATION SHOREBASED AIR SEARCH WITH ATTACKS BY FORCES AFLOAT THE BEST POSSIBLE. IMPROVEMENT POSSIBLY BY MORE ~~BY MORE~~ FREQUENT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING MOVEMENTS POSITIONS INTENTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE AND SUGGEST INFORMATION BEING DESPATCHED BY PLANE OR DESTROYER TO NEAREST SHORE BASE FOR TRANSMISSION. LIMITED RADIOUS AND INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT AND LACK OF ADVANCED AIRBASES AVAILABLE FOR RECONNAISSANCE PRECLUDES CONTINUOUS OBSERVATION OF MOVEMENTS OF OWN TASK FORCES. CLOSEST LIAISON MAINTAINED HERE WITH HEADQUARTERS SHOREBASED AIR BY USING COMMON OPERATIONS ROOM AND ALL INFORMATION IS RETRANSMITTED TO INTERESTED COMMANDS AT ONCE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	CINCPAC (NPM)	FOR ACTION	CTF 16	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	18 MAY 1942	INFORMATION	COMSOWESTPACFOR COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	4735/0646			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	EDWARDS/BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

180403 CCR 8052S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

ACTION COMTASKFOR 16 INFO COMSOWESTPACFOR AND COMINCH
FROM CINCPAC.

EXPEDITE RETURN TO HAWAIIAN AREA.

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TO COMINCH FOR INFO

CCN 8647

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

CONTRIBUTE TO GENERAL SECURITY OF ROSES AND POPPY. ESPI-
RITU SANTO HAS BEEN RECONNOITRED AND IS SUITABLE FOR CON-
STRUCTION OF AIRFIELD TO ACCOMODATE FIGHTERS. RECOMMEND
THIS ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN PROMPTLY AND THAT I BE AUTHO-
RIZED TO COOPERATE WITH COMMANDING GENERAL ROSES IN MAKING
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO EFFECT SUCH A PLAN.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TRANSMIT

EXCLUDED MESSAGE

FROM CINCPAC

RELEASED BY

DATE MAY 23 1942

TIME 1137/1006

RECEIVED BY CRISWELL/FIELD

PARAGRAPH 107

INITIALLY BY ASTORIA AIRFIELD TO THE WEST OF THE ISLAND

230445

USS WHIPPLE
COMGEN ROSES
USS TANGIER
COMGEN POPPY

RRRR

COMSOPACFOR
COMINCH
COMGEN HAWAII
COMAIRSOPAC

RRRR

CCR 125 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, ALL TIMES ARE IN STANDARD TIME

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TEXT

WHIPPLE DELIVER TO COMGEN ROSES FOR ACTION. TANGIER DELIVER TO COMGEN POPPY FOR ACTION. COMGEN HAWAIIAN DEPT INFORMED.

PLAN OF GENERAL PATCH FOR OCCUPATION ESPIRITU SANTO APPROVED WITH FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS FROM CINCPAC. ARMY NOT PREPARED TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL TROOPS FROM U.S. THEREFORE AIRFIELD NOT TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNTIL ADEQUATE DEFENSE IS ASSURED.

MINOR PREPARATION AS SEAPLANE BASE IS DESIRABLE. DIVERSION PAUL JONES AND ESCORT AUTHORIZED. DETAILS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH GENERAL CHAMBERLAIN.

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NAVY MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESS

PRIORITY

CINCPAC(NPM)

COMINCH(NSS)

PRIORITY

DATE

25 MAY 1942

TIME

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REMARKS

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INDICATE BY CHECKING APPROPRIATE BOXES IN MESSAGE DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

250215 CCR 42'S

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FROM CINCPAC

HAVE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION TO EMPLOYMENT OF BATTLESHIPS IN PRESENT SITUATION. YOUR 241540. SOME LIGHT FORCES AND SARATOGA COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SCREEN BUT AM CONVINCED THAT LATTERS STRIKING POWER IS NECESSARY WITH OTHER CARRIERS AND SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO PROTECTION OF BB. SARATOGA WILL BE MOVED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BATTLESHIPS WILL BE HELD IN RESERVE ON WEST COAST UNTIL OBJECTIVES FOR THEIR STRIKING POWER ARE MORE DEFINITE. MY 230051 APRIL. WHEN EMPLOYED WILL ENDEAVOR TO FORM SUPPORTING CARRIERS AIR GROUP CHIEFLY OF VF. SUFFICIENT THIS TYPE AIRCRAFT NOT NOW AVAILABLE TO ME.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR

EXTENSION NUMBER

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FROM CINCPAC (NERK)

COMSOUWESPACFOR
SUPREME COMMANDER

PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE
RRRRR
DEFERRED

DATE 28 MAY 1942

FOR EXTENSION 0930/0854

COMINCH

PRIORITY

RECEIVED BY BUSBY/ PORTER

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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

280351 CCR 1062-S

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(FROM CINCPAC X COMSOUWESPACFOR DELIVER TO SUPREME
COMMANDER FOR ACTION)

FIRST MARINE RAIDER BATTALION NOW STRAWSTACK IS ATTACK
UNIT OF HIGH MOBILITY AND GREAT FIRE POWER X APPEARS IDEAL
UNIT MAKE LANDING ATTACK AGAINST TULAGI REPEAT TULAGI OR
OTHER ADVANCE ENEMY BASES X CAN FURNISH TRANSPORTATION IN
AFIRM PREP TO PUPPY OR ROSES BUT SUITABLE TRANSPORTATION
FOR RAIDER OPERATIONS NOT REPEAT NOT NOW AVAILABLE X
SUGGEST CONSIDERATION SUBJECT COMINCH CONCURRENCE USE BAT-
TALION IN YOUR AREA USING YOUR CRUISERS DESTROYERS OR OTHER
VESSELS FOR TRANSPORTATION X GOOD PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS SUCH
OPERATIONS IF INITIATED IMMEDIATELY XXX

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SUPREME COMMANDER SWPA C AREA
(VIA COM SW PACFOR)

PPP

CINCPAC

MAY 30 1942

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DRUMMOND.BELL.

291335 CCR 1451 S

FROM SUPREME REPEAT SUPREME COMMANDER SOUTHWEST PACIFIC
AREA.

AGREE FULLY WITH YOUR BASIC CONCEPT THAT AGGRESSIVE ACTION
IS THE SUREST WAY TO DISLOCATE THE ENEMY OPERATION IN
SOLOMON-NEW GUINEA AREA. SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF AMPHIB-
IOUS ACTION HOWEVER DEMANDS AS A PREREQUISITE TWO
ESSENTIAL FACTORS: (A) SUFFICIENTLY STRONG STRIKING
FORCE PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED. (B) SECURITY OF COMMUNICATION
AND SUPPLY FOR SUCH FORCE WHEN ESTABLISHED. BOTH OF
THESE FACTORS WOULD BE MISSING IN THE INSTANT CASE.
ONE RAIDER BATTALION IS TOO WEAK AND I HAVE NEITHER THE
SPECIALLY TRAINED FORCES NOR MARINE EQUIPMENT TO SUPPLE-
MENT IT AT THIS TIME. AVAILABLE NAVAL FORCES OPERATING
WITHOUT INTEGRAL AIR ELEMENTS ARE NOT DEEMED ADEQUATE
TO PERMIT OF EXPLOITATION OR EVEN TO INSURE SECURITY OF
COMMUNICATION. WHILE IN ENTIRE ACCORD THEREFORE WITH

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YOUR BASIC THOUGHT OF AGRESSION I DO NOT BELIEVE THE
FORCES YOU SUGGEST ARE ADEQUATE FOR SUCCESSFUL ACCOM-
PLISHMENT. SIGNED MACARTHUR.

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CTINCPAC

COMINCH

ROUTINE

MAY 30 1942

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CRISWELL/SCHULZE

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CCR 1414-S

MACARTHUR'S REPLY TO MY 290351 IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION. MY IDEA AS TO POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF RAIDER BATTALION IS THAT TYPICAL COMMANDO OPERATIONS SHOULD BE FEASIBLE. I REALIZE THAT FORCES FOR HOLDING AND MAINTAINING RECAPTURED BASES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. UNDERSTAND THERE ARE NOT YET AIRFIELDS FOR BOMBERS IN THE SOLOMONS AND WHEN IN BRITISH HANDS, TULAGI WAS BOMBED ONLY BY PATROL PLANES. THESE ARE NOT A SERIOUS THREAT. THE OPERATION OF LONG RANGE SEAPLANES FROM TELAGI PREVENTS UTILIZATION OF SURPRISE IN FUTURE CORAL SEA OPERATIONS. WHEN AIRFIELDS ARE CONSTRUCTED BY THE ENEMY SUCH OPERATIONS AND THOSE FOR THE RETURN OF CONTROL WILL BE EVEN HARDER, THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT RAIDS WITH LANDING FORCES FOR DEMOLITION AND PERHAPS TEMPORARY OCCUPATION SHOULD BE MOST VALUABLE AT THIS TIME.

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NAI MIDWAY

31 MAY 1942

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SCHULZE/PORTER

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CTF 17
CTF 16
CTF 9

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317387 CCR 164-8

(THIS FROM CINCPAC X COMNAVFORCES FOUR AND NINE
HAVE FOR INFO X SENT TO NAVAL AIR STATION MIDWAY
FOR ACTION IN ANOTHER SYSTEM X ALL ADVISED IN MEETING
FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

PARAGRAPH ONE BAKER MY UPLAN TWO NINE DASH FORTYTWO X
BELIEVE ENEMY HAS SET JUNE FIFTH OUR DATE FOR HIS
LANDING ATTACK X THEREFORE ON NIGHT TWO DASH THREE JUNE XX
OR FOLLOWING MORNING PRELIMINARY ATTACKS ARE MOST
PROBABLE X MY THIRTY ZERO SIX TWO SEVEN AND COMPATWING
TWO DESPATCH THIRTY ZERO FIVE TWO TWO X THE RENDEZVOUS
MENTIONED OR WITHIN FIFTY MILES THEREOF MAY WELL BE
USED BY ENEMY FOR FUELING HIS STRIKING FORCES X BASED
ON ABOVE ESTIMATE OF DATES THIS MAY TAKE PLACE ON
THIRTY FIRST OR FIRST X TIME OF RENDEZVOUS MAY BE

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AFTER OWN SEARCHING PLANES REACH OUTER LIMIT OF
SEARCH X SUGGEST USE OF BAKER DASH SEVENTEEN STRIKING
FORCE SUNDAY AND MONDAY TO REACH RENDEZVOUS AREA ABOUT
FIFTEEN HUNDRED YOKE IF NO CONTACT REPORT EARLIER X
EXPECT NINE OR TEN ADDITIONAL BAKER DASH SEVENTEEN WILL
ARRIVE MIDWAY SUNDAY MORNING XXX

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER F-1 -

EXTENSION NUMBER 2992

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM COMINCH

RELEASED BY

DATE MAY 31, 1942

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASED BY

FOR ACTION

CINCPAC

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INFORMATION

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CINCPAC TWO EIGHT ZERO THREE FIVE ONE SUPREME COMDR SOWESPAC AREA
 TWO NINE ONE THREE THREE FIVE COMINCH FEELS PRESENT FAVORABLE
~~DISABLING OR~~
 OPPORTUNITY FOR DESTROYING JAPANESE ADVANCED BASES ESPECIALLY TULAGI
 SHOULD BE EXPLOITED X IF RECONNAISSANCE SHOWS THAT WORTHWHILE
 OBJECTIVES PAREN BEYOND THOSE THAT CAN BE ~~ACCOMPLISHED~~ ^{EFFECTED} BY REPEATED
 LONG RANGE BOMBING PAREN OFFER PROMISE TO RAIDS BY FORCES THAT CAN
~~COMMA~~
 BE MADE AVAILABLE SUCH RAIDS SHOULD BE EXECUTED WITHOUT DELAY X
 PARA TWO NO PLANS INVOLVING CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF NEW BASES SHOULD
 BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM COMINCH AND ARMY X PERMANENT
~~CONTEMPLATED OR~~
 OCCUPATION OF TULAGI NOT APPROVED AT THIS TIME X PARA THREE LANDING
 FORCES OF STRAWSTACK RAIDER BATTALION PROBABLY NOT ADEQUATE X
 WAKEFIELD WITH MARINE REGIMENT NOW DUE LONGBOW TWELVE JUNE COULD
~~BE DIVERTED TO BLEACHER OR ROSES X DESTROYERS PAREN IF LANDING BOATS~~ ^{ADEQUATE}
 CAN BE PROVIDED PAREN APPEAR ONLY MEANS TRANSPORTATION TO ATTACK
 AREA PARA FOUR DUE TO ABSENCE AT THIS TIME OF SUITABLE TASK FORCE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	F-1	EXTENSION NUMBER	2992	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION		CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY					ROUTINE
DATE	MAY 31, 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION		COMSOPAC COMSOWESTPAC	PRIORITY
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY					DEFERRED

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SUGGEST

COMMANDERS FROM SOUTH PACIFIC ~~CONSIDER~~ THAT IF YOU IN CONCURRENCE WITH MACARTHUR DECIDE ON RAID THAT RAIDING TASK FORCE SHOULD BE SET UP UNDER LEARY CMA GHORMLEY PROVIDING FORCES TO THE JOINT EFFORT AS AGREED UPON PARA FIVE IF RAID IS UNDERTAKEN ESTABLISHMENT OF LOOKOUT GROUP AT NDENI SHOULD RECEIVE CONSIDERATION PARA SIX KEEP COMINCH ADVISED AS TO CONTEMPLATED ACTION X LEARY PASS TO MACARTHUR

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC		OP PRIORITY OP OP
RELEASED BY	<i>E. King</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 15 1942	INFORMATION			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM					PRIORITY
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY					DEFERRED

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THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS THAT CURRENT JAPANESE OPERATIONS ARE IN PREPARATION FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST RUSSIA X INCLUDED AMONG THESE PERSISTENCE IN REMAINING AT KISKA CMA ESTABLISHMENT OF STRONG AIR FORCES IN PARAMUSHIRO AND THE PROBABLE FORMATION OF A STRONG NORTHERN FORCE X OCCUPATION OF NOME AND ADJACENT AIRFIELDS ALSO ST LAWRENCE ISLAND MAY WELL BE A PART OF THIS PLAN PARA TWO ARMY REINFORCEMENTS OF ALASKA CONTEMPLATE REINFORCEMENT OF NOME WITH TROOPS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS MOVED IN BY AIR PARA THREE SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER PREPARATION OF A DIVISION OF MODERN SUBMARINES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE ALEUTIAN BERING SEA AREA IN THE EVENT THAT A CONCENTRATION OF JAPANESE FORCES THERE APPEARS TO BE CONFIRMED

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPART

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>PT Edwards</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>JUNE 21, 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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YOUR CLOAS AIR REINFORCEMENT CHRISTMAS AND PROVISION AIR FOR CANTON
 UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WILL BE PREPARED BUT SERVICES WAST AS SUGGESTED
 BY YOU WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE UTILIZED

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	OP	PRIORITY OP OP
RELEASED BY					ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 27 1942				DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION	CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY (BY HAND) COMSOUTHWESTPACFOR		PRIORITY
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY					DEFERRED

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ISSUANCE OF JOINT DIRECTIVE REFERRED TO IN MY TWO FOUR TWO THREE
 ZERO SIX AND DECISION AS TO EXTENT OF ARMY PARTICIPATION MAY BE
 DELAYED X DESIRE YOU GO AHEAD WITH PREPARATION FOR EXECUTION OF
 THESE OPERATIONS USING FORCES MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU X SUGGEST
 ADVISABILITY OF MOVING SECOND MARINE REGIMENT TO SOUTH PACIFIC
 WITHOUT DELAY AND IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE MARINE AIR SQUADRONS CAN
 BE MADE READY FOR DEPARTURE PARA PAREN TWO PAREN MAKE SPECIFIC
 RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO MOVEMENT OF ARMY AIR FORCES FROM
 HAWAII AND AS TO SUPPORT OF YOUR OPERATIONS BY FORCES FROM SOUTHWEST
 PACIFIC AREA PARA PAREN THREE PAREN ALSO DESIRE THE COMMAND SETUP
 YOU PROPOSE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THIS OPERATION X LEARY PASS TO
 MACARTHUR

PARA PAREN FOUR PAREN

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC		OP PRIORITY OP
RELEASED BY	<i>[Signature]</i>				ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 29 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION	COMTASKFOR EIGHT		OP PRIORITY OP
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY					DEFERRED

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OPERATIONS IN SOUTH PACIFIC ^{EXPECTED TO} REQUIRE THE USE OF SIX APDS
AND RAIDER BATTALION X THIS IN ANSWER TO YOUR TWO NINE ZERO FOUR ZERO
NINE

PARA ^X TWO ^{COMMA} IN GENERAL ^{COMMA} PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENTS
IN KISKA ANCHITKA AND ATTU MUST BE PRECEDED BY PRELIMINARY ESTABLISHMENTS
IN ATKA AND ADAK X ARMY IS NOT NOW PREPARED TO PROVIDE FORCES AND EQUIP-
MENT ^{COMMA} IN PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT ^{COMMA} FOR PROJECTING ESTABLISHMENTS THIS
FAR WEST IN THE ALEUTIANS X FURTHER WE ARE NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME
TO SUPPORT SUCH PROJECTED ESTABLISHMENTS X OUR OCCUPATION OF THE WESTERN
ALEUTIANS WOULD INEVITABLY BRING ABOUT STRONG COUNTER MEASURES BY THE
JAPANESE X THIS WOULD ^{PROBABLY} NECESSITATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR FLEET FORCES ^{INCLUDING CARRIERS} IN A
STRENGTH THAT WOULD NOT FIT IN WITH ~~PROJECTED~~ SOUTH PACIFIC OPERATIONS

PARA ^X THREE ^{COMMA} CONSIDER ONE RAIDER BATTALION ^{COMMA} EVEN
SUPPORTED BY ADDITIONAL TROOPS ON CRUISERS ^{COMMA} PROBABLY INSUFFICIENT
FOR THIS PROPOSED OPERATION

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC		OP OP PRIORITY OP OP
RELEASED BY					ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 29 1942	INFORMATION	COMTASKFOR EIGHT		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM					PRIORITY
DECODED BY					ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY					DEFERRED

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PARA [REDACTED] FOUR ^X [REDACTED] OCCUPATION OF KISKA BY EITHER SIDE PRESENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO OTHER SIDE FOR PROFITABLE ATTRITION TACTICS X IF IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS NOW WARRANTS THE PROJECTION OF LANDING FORCES TO KISKA ^{WOULD} EVEN MORE RAIDS APPEAR TO BE IN ORDER

PARA [REDACTED] FIVE ^X [REDACTED] SURFACE FORCE OPERATIONS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF KISKA HARBOR MAY NOW CALL FOR THE USE OF FAST MINESWEEPERS

PARA [REDACTED] SIX ^X [REDACTED] REQUEST ADVICE OF SPECIFIC OPERATIONS CONTEMPLATED

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMSWPACFOR COMSOUA CFOR COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE JUNE 3 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0426/2044	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELL.BELL.			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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CINC
FOR **CNC** COMSOUWESPAC AREA.

REQUEST COMMENT COMINCH 010100 . MY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS
ARE:

AFIRM: IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT EXTENDED BASES SUCH AS
TULAGI BE NULLIFIED PARTICULARLY BEFORE AIRFIELDS THERE ARE
CONSTRUCTED.

BAKER: RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION OF ACTUAL RESULTS
SHOULD DISCLOSE WHETHER BOMBING IS SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMPLISH
THIS AND WHETHER PROPER OBJECTIVES FOR COMMANDO RAIDS EXIST.
KNOWLEDGE OF EVACUATED PERSONNEL ALSO VALUABLE.

CAST: PERMANENT OCCUPATION BY ALLIED FORCES AT THIS
TIME IS IMPRACTICABLE AND ^{A ERROR AND} WAS NOT CONTEMPLATED BY MY ORIG-
INAL SUGGESTION.

DOG: SOME PROFITABLE OBJECTIVES FOR THE RAIDER BATTALION
OR EVEN PORTIONS THEREOF PROBABLY COULD BE SELECTED.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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EASY: THERE SEEMS LITTLE CHANCE TO ASSEMBLE ENOUGH DESTROYERS TO TRANSPORT MORE THAN THE RAIDER BATTALION.

FOX: CONSIDER BASE OF OPERATIONS MUST BE AS FAR ADVANCED AS POSSIBLE THEREFORE ROSES AND POPPY PREFERABLE WITH LATTER MORE LIABLE TO HAVE SUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATIONS. PARA.

REQUEST YOU FURNISH CURRENT INFORMATION SIZE NATURE SHORE INSTALLATIONS AND DEFENSE FORCES TULAGI.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM GEN. MACARTHUR (RDO MELBOURNE)	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			PRIORITY
DATE JUNE 3, 1942	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2032/2027 (3rd)			DEFERRED
DECODED BY TIERB/CANNING			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH.**020745 (FOR FILING ONLY) OCB 22728**

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TEXT

FOR YOUR INFORMATION I HAVE MADE FOLLOWING COMMENT TO CHIEF OF STAFF REGARDING COMINCH 010100 :

ENEMY ESTIMATED TO HAVE REGIMENT AT TULAGI AND DIVISION READY TO MOVE AT RABAU. HOSTILE INSTALLATIONS AT TULAGI MOST ELEMENTARY AND BELIEVED CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED BY RECENT BOMBING RAID. MARINE REGIMENT NOT REPEAT NOT DEEMED ADEQUATE TO MAKE PROPOSED ATTACK AND WEAKNESS ACCENTUATED BY LACK OF BOATS TO PERMIT PROPER TACTICAL DISPOSITIONS. MOREOVER THE RISKS INVOLVED IN SUCH AN OPERATION CONSIDERABLE WITH THE MAXIMUM RESULTS ATTAINABLE BELIEVED TO BE VERY SMALL THUS NOT REPEAT NOT WARRANTING EXECUTION FOR A MERE RAID. I AM PLANNING TO UNDERTAKE OFFENSIVE ACTION AGAINST THE SOLOMONS AND NEW BRITAIN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. I SUGGEST IN THIS CONNECTION THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS AS TROOPS BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA TO PUSH FORWARD THROUGH THE LOYALTY ISLANDS NEW HEBRIDES AND SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM CINCPAC (NPM)	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			RRRR ROUTINE
DATE 21 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0216/0133			PRIORITY
DECODED BY HERSHEY/PORTER			ROUTINE
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(FROM CINCPAC TO COMINCH)

DURING MIDWAY OPERATIONS FLETCHER WAS SENIOR TASK FORCE COMMANDER IN AREA AND RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIVITIES TASK FORCES 16 AND 17. YOUR 191920. FOR HIS SERVICES MIDWAY AND PRIOR SERVICES CORAL SEA I REITERATE WITH ADDED EMPHASIS MY RECOMMENDATIONS IN MY 092219 OF MAY THAT FLETCHER BE DESIGNATED TASK FORCE COMMANDER WITH RANK VICE ADMIRAL AND AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. I AGAIN RECOMMEND THAT SPRUANCE BE AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS COMMANDER TASK FORCE 16 IN BATTLE OF MIDWAY MY 150117.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM CINCPAC (NPM)	FOR ACTION INFORMATION	COMINCH (N88)	PRIORITY PPPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 22 JUNE 1942		BUPERS	PPRRPPP
TOR CODEROOM 0235/ 0210			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY TIERS/NEWHOUSE			
PARAPHRASED BY _____			

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FROM CINCPAC ACTION COMINCH INFO BUPERS.

REQUIRE AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE ADDITIONAL FLAG OFFICER TO COMMAND CRUISER GROUP IN CARRIER TASK FORCE. COMINCH 211515 AND MY 160131 AND MY 202043. PURPOSE MITSCHER RELIEVE BELLINGER AT ONCE ACCORDANCE BUPERS ORDERS. ALSO PURPOSE FLETCHER COMMAND TASK FORCE 11 WITH NEW FLAG OFFICER TO BE ORDERED AS CRUISER GROUP COMMANDER. KINKAID COMMAND TASK FORCE 16 DURING HALSEY'S ABSENCE WITH TISDALE AS CRUISER GROUP COMMANDER. FITCH COMMAND TASKFORCE 17 WITH GOOD AS CRUISER GROUP COMMANDER. NO CHANGE IN SET UP TASK FORCE 18. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY NAME NEW FLAG OFFICER AND DATE ARRIVAL.

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DATE 23 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0342/0309	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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COMINCH FROM CINCPAC

NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARD HAS RAISED QUESTION RELATIVE POPULATION OCEAN AND NAURU ISLAND ESTIMATING FOOD WILL BE EXHAUSTED OCEAN BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND NAURU BY JANUARY. NZNB SUGGESTS EVACUATION GILBERTESE POSSIBLY TO GILBERT OR ELLICE GROUPS. CHINESE PRESENT MAY ALSO DESIRE EVACUATION.

GREAT BRITAIN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL INTERESTS IN THESE ISLANDS. MACARTHUR ADVISES NEITHER HE NOR ACNB CONTEMPLATE ACTION REGARD ISLANDS. ATTITUDE GREAT BRITAIN UNKNOWN. VIEW FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL INTERESTS INVOLVED AND POSSIBLY LIABILITY UNITED STATES TO FURTHER CLAIMS AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVACUEES FEEL BASIC QUESTIONS ARE MATTERS FOR AGREEMENT BY POLITICAL AGENCIES OF ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. SEE PAGE TWO

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TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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TEXT

REQUEST DECISION ON FOLLOWING: (A) SHALL EVACUATION BE MADE OR RELIEF EXTENDED BY PROVIDING FOOD. (B) IF EVACUATION IS MADE WHO ARE TO BE EVACUATED AND WHERE. (C) IF FOOD RELIEF IS GIVEN WHAT WILL BE SOURCE FOOD. (D) IF US FORCES VISIT ISLANDS SHALL ~~DEMO~~ DEMOLITION MACHINERY INSTALLATIONS BE MADE.

INVITE ATTENTION TO PERIODIC ENEMY AIR PATROL THESE ISLANDS. EVACUATION OR RELIEF SHIPS WILL REQUIRE COMBATANT SUPPORT THAT ~~IT~~ MAY INTERFERE OTHER MAJOR OPERATIONS.

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FROM COMSOUPAC	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 24 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 0403/0333	INFORMATION	COMINCH COMAIRSOUPAC	PPPP PRIORITY
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FIRST SHUTTLE TRIP PRESIDENT COOLIDGE FROM FULCRUM TO
FANTAN COMINCH SERIAL 00380 OF MAY 13 LEAVES FULCRUM
25 JUNE.

MY 240620 AND 260415 MAY COMINCH 021545 JUNE.

I REITERATE MY CONCERN OVER WITHDRAWAL NEW ZEALAND
FORCES FROM FANTAN. SITUATION AS PRESENTED IN COMAIRSOPAC
220430 INDICATES NECESSITY ^{RE} STRENGTHENING FORWARD POSITIONS
INSTEAD OF RETROGRADE MOVEMENT AT THIS TIME. IN ANY CASE IT
IS ESSENTIAL THAT NEW ZEALAND TROOPS REMAIN FANTAN UNTIL
37TH US DIVISION THOROUGHLY EXPERIENCED.

• NOT IN FILES. CCR HAS REQUESTED REPETITION.

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FROM CINC AC (NERK)	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PPPPPT ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 28 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION	COMSOUPAC COMSOUWESPAC GEN MACARTHUR	PPPPPT ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0209/0133			
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			
PARAPHRASED BY			

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CINCPAC ORIGINATOR)
(TO BE HANDLED WITH UTMOST SECRECY. LEARY PASS TO MACARTHUR)

YOUR 271415. WILL MOVE SECOND MARINE REGIMENT AS YOU SUG-
GEST EMPLOYING TASKFOR 18 AS ESCORT DEPARTING ONE JULY.
PLAN TO BUILD UP REQUIRED MARINE SQUADRONS HERE AND TRAIN
IN CARRIER LANDINGS BEFORE DESPATCHING THEM AS THEIR EM-
PLOYMENT MUST AWAIT COMPLETION OF AIR FIELDS IN OBJECTIVE
AREA.

WILL MAKE AVAILABLE 18 VPB FOR POPPY AND ISLANDS TO
NORTHWARD AND 12 FOR FANTAN. ARMY AIRCRAFT DESIRED FROM
HAWAII TO BRING POPPY AND FANTAN EACH UP TO 8 B-17S AND
13 B-26S. ARMY PLANES SENT THERE WITHIN THESE TOTALS
SHOULD NOT BE MOVED ON TO SUMAC AS HAS RECENTLY BEEN DONE
IN CASE OF 8 B-17S AT POPPY.

REQUEST MACARTHUR MAKE AVAILABLE TO GHORMLEY AUS-
TRALIAN SQUADRON AND MAXIMUM SUBMARINES. ALSO EMPLOY ALL

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PRACTICABLE LONG RANGE AIRCRAFT FROM SUMAC AND MORESBY BASES TO FURNISH AIR COVERAGE WITH COORDINATION AS REQUESTED BY CHORMLEY.

CHORMLEY WILL BE PLACED IN COMMAND OF OPERATION. PLAN FLETCHER COMMAND SURFACE FORCES MADE AVAILABLE FROM FLEET. HIS EARLY APPOINTMENT TO VICE ADMIRAL THEREFORE NECESSARY.

AS ANTIAIRCRAFT BATTERIES WILL BE REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY AM CONSIDERING MOVING FOURTH DEFENSE BATTALION FROM ROSES AND INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY MAKING THIRD READY IN TIME.

MY 170251 COVERS MATERIAL FOR BASE ESTABLISHMENT.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>CINCPAC (NYAG)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMTASKFORCE 3 COMTASKFORCE 11 COMTASKFORCE 18	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			RRRR ROUTINE
DATE <u>JUNE 30 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0501/0227</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH COMTASKFORCE 1,4,9,16,17 COMSOPACFOR COMSOWESPACFOR COMSERFORPAC GEN MACARTHUR	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>CAMBRON/FIELD</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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LEARY PASS TO MACARTHUR. ORIGINATOR CINCPAC HAS INFORMED COMTASKFORCES 4, 9, 16, AND 17 PLUS COMSERFORPAC. COMINCH ALSO INFORMED. THIS ACTION TO COMDRS TASK FORCES 11, 18, AND 3.

HANDLE WITH UTMOST SECRECY.

TASK ORGANIZATION. (A) TASK FORCE 18 LESS SAN FRANCISCO, VINCENNES, LAFFEY, PLUS AMPHIBFORPAC DETACHMENT COMPOSED CRESCENT CITY, PRES HAYES, PRES ADAMS, PRES JACKSON, ALHENA, WITH 2D MARINE REGIMENT REENFORCED EMBARKED. (B) TASK FORCE 11 LESS AYLWIN, MONAGHAN, PLUS PLATTE, CIMARRON.

INFORMATION. OFFENSIVE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS.

GENERAL TASK. FORCES LISTED ABOVE WILL PROCEED INITIALLY FROM PRESENT BASES TO SOUTH PACIFIC AREA PREPARED FOR AMPHIBIOUS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

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TASKS. (A) DEPART SANDIEGO 1500Z/1 JULY, PROCEED VIA APPROXIMATE GREAT CIRCLE TRACK TO PASS THROUGH POINT N25 AT 2000Z/10 JULY ON COURSE 225 AT 14 KNOTS. (B) DEPART PEARL AT 1730Z/5 JULY. CONDUCT GUNNERY EXERCISES ACCORDANCE SEPARATE DIRECTIVE. (END PART ONE.)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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CINCPAC		COMTASKFORCE 18	ROUTINE
FROM			ROUTINE
RELEASED 30 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
DATE 1317/1227			
TOR CODEROOM		COMSOWESTPACFOR COMTASKFORCE 3 COMSOUTH PACFOR	ROUTINE
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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TEXT THIS IS LAST HALF OF CINCPAC 300015 TO SAME ADDRESSEES AND WITH SAME ROUTING. TO BE HANDLED WITH UTMOST SECRECY.

PROCEED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH TASK FORCE 18 AT POINT NEGAT AT 2000Z/10 JULY.

(XRAY) AT RENDEZVOUS REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER IN TASK FORCE 11 ASSUME TACTICAL COMMAND OF COMBINED FORCES. AT SAME TIME DIRECT OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF COMBINED FORCES PASSES TO COMMANDER SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE VICE ADMIRAL GHORMLEY. ENROUTE TO RENDEZVOUS BOTH FORCES AVOID SIGHT OR PLANE CONTACT WITH CHRISTMAS ISLAND OR PLANES OPERATING THEREFROM. THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR EACH FORCE 12 HOURS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM RESPECTIVE BASES.

FUEL AND PROVISION TO CAPACITY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. LIMITED FUEL AVAILABLE AT TUTUILA AND IN KANAKHA AT TONGATABU.

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DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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PLATTE, CIMARRON EACH LOAD 500,000 GALLONS AVGAS BALANCE FUEL.

USE ZONE ZERO TIME. USE FOR ALL REFERENCE POINTS PACIFIC THEATER GRID SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY CINCPAC DESPATCH 211951 APRIL. RENDEZVOUS DESIGNATED ABOVE 18 IN THIS GRID SYSTEM. COMMUNICATIONS ACCORD PAC 70 PLUS SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOUTH PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS PROMULGATED SEPARATELY. CINCPAC AT SUBBASE PERAL HARBOR. COMSOPAC AT HEADQUARTERS AUCKLAND. OPERATION ORDER NUMBER 34-42.

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	<u>URGENT</u>
RELEASED BY <u>BRUNNEN</u>			PRIORITY
DATE _____			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION	COMTASKFOR 8	DEFERRED
DECODED BY _____			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY _____			ROUTINE
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TEXT

COMALSEC ROUTINE THREE ZERO ONE NINE FIVE NINE VIEWED HERE WITH CONCERN AS
 LACKING DETERMINATION TO MAKE THE MOST OF AIR FORCE AVAILABLE AND INTENDING
 INEFFECTIVE EXPOSURE OF DESTROYERS PARA DOES DESPATCH EXPRESS VIEWS OF
 COMTASKFORCE EIGHT

(NOTE: This Comalsec 301959 was actually originated by
 Comtaskforce EIGHT, and contained his general plan of
 operations).

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FROM COMINCH

RELEASED BY *William*

DATE JUNE 6 1942

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FOR ACTION

INFORMATION

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MY REPLY TO MARSHALL REGARDING PUBLICITY ON CURRENT OPERATIONS IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION QUOTE PARA ONE YOUR POINT ON THIS SUBJECT IS-

WELL TAKEN X IT IS DOUBTFUL HOWEVER THAT COMMUNIQUE ALONG THIS LINE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO EXPLAIN AWAY OBVIOUS FACTS TO THE SATISFACTION

OF THE JAPANESE X I THINK IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PLANT EXPLANATIONS OF OUR PREPARATION IN THE FORM OF SURMISES BY THE PRESS PARA TWO WHAT

I HAVE IN MIND IS HAVING THE PRESS USE ON ITS OWN BEHALF PAREN AND NOT AS A COMMUNIQUE PAREN SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES COLON

SUBQUOTE THE ATTACK ON THE ALEUTIANS AND ON MIDWAY FOLLOWED A PERIOD OF APPARENT INACTIVITY AFTER THE CORAL SEA BATTLE NINE MAY

X APPARENTLY THE ARMY AND NAVY AUTHORITIES REALIZED THAT FOLLOWING THE ATTACK ON TOKYO ON EIGHTEEN APRIL AND THE REPULSE OF THE JAPANESE

OFFENSIVE IN THE CORAL SEA AREA WITH THE SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWAL OF JAPANESE NAVAL COMBAT UNITS FROM THAT AREA CMA ENERGETIC COUNTER-

MEASURES BY THE JAPANESE WERE TO BE EXPECTED X IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE PERIOD OF INACTION WOULD NOT CONTINUE FOR LONG X SUBPARA

OPERATING ON INTERIOR LINES AS THEY ARE THE JAPANESE WERE OF COURSE IN A POSITION TO STRIKE ANYWHERE ALONG THE LONG LINE FROM DUTCH HARBOR

THROUGH THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AND TO AUSTRALIA X LOOKING OVER THIS LONG LINE ONE CAN EASILY SEE THAT THE TWO UNITED STATES ADVANCED

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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EXTENSION NUMBER 2992

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FROM COMINCH

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DATE JUNE 6 1942

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BASES DUTCH HARBOR AND MIDWAY PRESENTED OBJECTIVES IMPORTANT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSITION IN THE PACIFIC AND AT THE SAME

TIME BECAUSE OF THEIR EXPOSED POSITIONS INVITING ATTACK X IN VIEW OF THESE TWO POINTS AND OF THE PROBABILITY OF STRONG ENERGETIC ACTION

BY THE JAPANESE THE CONCLUSION IS DRAWN THAT THE ARMY AND NAVY AUTHORITIES WERE NOT UNPREPARED FOR A DESCENT UPON THESE POINTS

END SUBQUOTE PARA ~~TWO~~ ^{THREE} IN THE MEANTIME NIMITZ IS HANDLING THE PUBLICITY IN REGARD TO DETAILS WHICH IS OF COURSE A DUTY WITH WHICH HE IS

CHARGED X I AGREE WITH YOU THAT TO WHATEVER EXTENT OUR SUCCESS CONTINUES OUR RELEASES SHOULD IN NO CASE BE ALLOWED TO EXAGGERATE

THE RESULTS PARA ~~THREE~~ ^{FOUR} I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE UNQUOTE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM COMINCH

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DATE JUNE 7 1942

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TEXT

LAST SENTENCE YOUR ZERO SEVEN ZERO EIGHT ZERO THREE SERIOUSLY
DOUBT CORRECTNESS OF REPORTED CONTACTS WITH ORANGE ALEUTIAN
FORCE X CONSIDER STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT PART OR ALL OF THIS
FORCE DEPARTED THAT AREA NIGHT OF FOUR DASH FIVE JUNE FOR
RENDEZVOUS TO THE SOUTHWEST WITH RETREATING MIDWAY FORCES AND
POSSIBLY WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE COMBINED FLEET

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FROM	COMINCH	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC		URGENT
RELEASED					xxx PRIORITY xxx
DATE	JUNE 7 1942	INFORMATION	COMNOWESTSEAFRON CTF 8 <i>Comwestseafon</i>		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM					DEFERRED
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TEXT

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IN VIEW SITUATION COMNOWESTSEAFRON ZERO SEVEN ONE SIX ONE
ONE WITH INDICATIONS OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF ORANGE FORCE
IN THE ALEUTIANS SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER SENDING NORTHWARD A
STRONG TASK FORCE FORMED ON SARATOGA X YOU ARE AUTHORIZED
TO STRIP WEST COAST OF PATROL PLANES X ARMY REPORTS EIGHT
AFIRM TWENTYNINE AND FOUR BAKER SEVENTEEN LEAVING EDMONTON
TODAY FOR ALASKAN AREA AND SIX BAKER TWENTYFOUR EQUIPPED
WITH AFIRM SAIL VICE ORDERED LEAVE CALIFORNIA TODAY FOR
ALASKA PARA ASSUME YOU HAVE CONSIDERED USE OF LONG ISLAND
TO FERRY PLANES TO HAWAII

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SEND ANY FROM
HAWAII

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM CINCPAC			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CTF 8	PPPPP ROUTINE
DATE 3 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CDDEROOM	0023/2355		
DEFERRED BY		COMINCH	PRIORITY
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TEXT

PLEASE COMMENT COMINCH 010245. TRANSMIT BRIEF OF YOUR
PLAN INDICATING EMPLOYMENT OF SHORE BASED AIR BY TYPE
NUMBERS AND LOCATION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU WILL MAKE
MAXIMUM USE OF SHORE BASED AIR AND ADVANCED AIR FIELDS.

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FROM CTF 8 (VIA COMALSEC)		CINCPAC	PPPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 2 JUNE 1942			
FOR CODE ROOM 0854/0810		COMINCH	PPPPPPP ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			
PARAPHRASED BY			
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(THIS IS PART TWO COMTASKFOR EIGHT'S ZERO ONE TWENTY
ONE ZERO THREE ACTION CINCPAC X PLEASE PASS COMINCH
INFORMATION)

SCREEN OF SMALL CRAFT DISTANCE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILES
FROM UMNAK DASH COLD BAY AREA COVERING THE APPROACHES X
FOUR SUBMARINES IN AREA COVERING SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO
COLD BAY X STRIKING FORCE OF EIGHT DESTROYERS MAKUSHIW
BAY PROTECTED FROM AIR AND RADAR DETECTION BY LAND BACK-
GROUND AND WITHIN RANGE OF AIR COVERAGE FROM UMNAK FOR LOW
VISIBILITY ATTACK IN THE UMBOK DASH DUTCH HARBOR AREA
ONLY X MAIN BODY OPERATING TO SOUTHWARD OF ALASKA PENIN-
SULA X PATROL PLANES EQUIPPED TO TAKE TORPEDOES X TWELVE
TORPEDOES ARE AT UMNAK AND EIGHTEEN AT COLD BAY X MEDIUM
BOMBERS ACSN (ARE?) EQUIPPED TO CARRY TORPEDOES X STRIKING
FORCE OF LAND BASED AIR NO NISTRAY (TO DESTROY?) ENEMY FORCES
(SEE PAGE TWO)

SEALED**SECRET**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	FOR INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GUT
TEXT

APPROACHING ALEUTIAN DASH ALASKA AREA USING TORPEDOES IN
FIRST ATTACK ON CARRIERS ON LOCATION ENEMY FORCES ADVANCING
ON UMNAK DASH DOLD BAY EFFECT MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION TO
ATTACK X PLANES LOCATED THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS COLON UMNAK
ONE HEAVY BOMBER SIX MEDIUM BOMBERS SEVENTEEN FIGHTERS X
COLD BAY SIX MEDIUM BOMBERS SIXTEEN FIGHTERS X KODIAK TWO
HEAVY BOMBERS TWO MEDIUM BOMBERS ~~TWO MEDIUM BOMBERS~~ TWENTY
FIGHTERS X ENROUTE ARRIVAL DATE UNKNOWN EIGHT HEAVY BOMBERS
TWENTY FIVE FIGHTERS X THIS BASE BY DISPERSION CAN TAKE ONE
ADDITIONAL SQUADRON HEAVY BOMBERS AND ONE SQUADRON MEDIUM
BOMBERS X ANCHORAGE SEVENTEEN MEDIUM BOMBERS THREE FIGHTERS
ONE MEDIUM BOMBER TWENTY FIVE FIGHTERS ENROUTE X THIS BASE
CAN ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL AT LEAST ONE SQUADRON HEAVY
BOMBERS TWO SQUADRONS MEDIUM BOMBERS X RCAF PLANES AT
ANNETTE FIFTEEN MEDIUM BOMBERS THIRTY FIGHTERS X YAKUTAT
(SEE PAGE 3)

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE DESTROYED WHEN THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE IS DESTROYED

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NAVAL MESSAGE

• NAVY DEPARTMENT

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME SCT

TEXT

NO PLANES AT PRESENT X CAN ACCOMMODATE ONE SQUADRON HEAVY
BOMBERS ONE SQUADRON MEDIUM BOMBERS AND ONE SQUADRON
FIGHTERS X UMNAK DASH COLD BAY NOW HAS ALL PLANES THAT THEY
CAN MILITARILY ACCOMMODATE X ENDS TWO PART MESSAGE RELAY

CORRECTION: FOUR SUBMARINES IN AREA COVERING NORTH AND SOUTH
APPROACHES TOUMNAK X TWO SUBMARINES COVERING SOUTHERN APP
PROACHES TO COLD BAY X STRIKING FORCE, ETC. X END OF CORRECTION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 8 (VIA COMALSEC)	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY PPPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE JUNE 2 1942	INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY PPPPPP
TOR CODEROM 0553/0445			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY CRISWELL /PORTER			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

012105 CCR 1917-S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

(PART ONE OF TWO PARTS ACTION CINCPAC AND TO PASS TO
COMINCH FOR INFO X THIS FROM COMTASKFOR EIGHT)

COMALSEC THREE ZERO ONE NINE FIVE NINE WAS MY MESSAGE AND
DOES EXPRESS MY VIEWS X DEEPLY REGRET MY WORDING WAS SUCH
AS TO BE SO COMPLETELY MISUNDERSTOOD X I TRIED THEREIN TO
DRAW THE PICTURE OF WESTERN FLYING FIELDS IN SUPPORT OF
THE ESTIMATE THAT THE GREAT NEED OF PRESENT ALASKAN SIT-
UATION IS STRATEGIC AND IS IMMEDIATE AND LARGE SCALE RE-
INFORCEMENT OF LAND BASED AVIATION X CONSIDER MY OP PLAN
USES AVAILABLE AIR TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE X TIME ALONE CAN
TEST WHETHER OR NOT MY USE OF DESTROYERS IS EFFECTIVE X
WITHOUT SOME EXPOSURE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF THEIR
OFFENSIVE USE X REGRET CAN NOT SET FORTH ALL MY REASONING
BUT BELIEVE MY PLAN PROVIDES FOR SOUND EMPLOYMENT OF FORCES
AVAILABLE X HEREAFTER CAN NOT COMMUNICATE WITHOUT BREAKING
RADIO SILENCE FROM SEA WHICH I DESIRE TO AVOID IF POSSIBLE

SEALED SECRET

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
FOR COVERDOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

DAILY AIR SEARCHES BY PATROL PLANES RADAR EQUIPPED NORTHWEST SECTORS FROM COLD BAY AND DUTCH HARBOR-UMNAK ALSO SOUTHERN SECTORS FROM DUTCH HARBOR AND SAND POINT TO DISTANCE OF 400 MILES X SEARCH BY HEAVY BOMBERS DAILY ONE PLANE ALONG ALEUTIAN CHAIN FROM UMNAK TO KIPKA X THREE PLANES RADAR EQUIPPED FROM KODIAK SOUTHWEST SECTOR TO DISTANCE OF 700 MILES X END OF PART ONE

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~~SECRET~~

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEE

PRECEDENCE

FROM CINCPAC

COMINCH

OPOPOPOP

RELEASED BY

DATE 1 JUNE 1942

FOR CODING 2245/2233

COMTASKFOR 8

OPOPOPOP

RECEIVED BY TIERS/NEWHOUSE

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SAID ACTORY

Ø12133 CCR 1854S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED IN THE FORM SHOWN

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

TEXT

FROM CINCPAC X

FROM PREDEPARTURE CONFERENCE COMTASKFOR 8 AM CONFIDENT THERE IS NO LACK OF DETERMINATION TO USE SHORE BASED AIR TO THE MAXIMUM X YOUR Ø1Ø245 X MY INTERPRETATION COMTASKFOR 8 DISPATCH 3Ø1959 IS THAT FROM CONDITIONS OF FIELDS NUMBER OF PLANES AVAILABLE PROBABLY^{LE} ENEMY FORCES AND KNOWLEDGE CHARACTER OF PREVIOUS ENEMY ATTACKS HE APPARENTLY ESTIMATES THAT PRESENT SHORE BASED AIR CANNOT BE RELIED UPON TO STOP ENEMY AND THAT FURTHER MEANS MUST BE TAKEN X IF FIELDS AS UNPREPARED AS REPORTED PLANE LOSSES MAY BE HEAVY AND REENFORCEMENTS WILL BE NEEDED AND SHOULD BE READY X HOPE YOU CAN FIND THESE REENFORCEMENTS X HE RECOGNIZES HAZARD INVOLVED IN ADVANCE POSITION OF DESTROYERS BUT AS LONG AS AIR COVERAGE IS SUPPLIED FROM UNMAK REPEAT UNMAK FIELD THE LOCATION OF THE DESTROYERS IS A CALCULATED RISK

SEALED

SECRET

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			URGENT
FOR CODE ROOM			PRIORITY
RECEIVED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			URGENT

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

CINCPAC 012133 CCR 1845S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME

CONSIDERED WARRANTED BY CIRCUMSTANCES X I HAVE FULL
CONFIDENCE IN THE SKILL AND JUDGMENT OF THEOBALD IN
MAKING USE OF THE MORE DETAILED AND LOCAL INFORMATION
NOT AVAILABLE TO ME

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

Make intelligible: Indicate commercial or other character of message and type of service

0075

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEE

PRECEDENCE

FROM **COMNOWESTSEAFRON (NPC)****CINCPAC (NPM)****PRIOR
PRIORITY**

RELEASED BY

COMINCH (NSS)

DEFERRED

DATE **JUNE 3, 1942**FOR CODE ROOM **2015/2000**RECEIVED BY **SMITH/CANNING**

TRANSMITTED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

031941 CCR 2259S

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RECEIVED CALL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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DATE

TIME

THIS TO CINCPAC AND COMINCH. COMNOWESTSEAFRON TALKING.

**DUTCH HARBOR FORT MEARS ATTACKED BY 4 JAP BOMBERS WITH 12
FIGHTERS AT 0550X. EXACT EXTENT DAMAGE NOT YET KNOWN.
FORT GLENN NOT ATTACKED. DUTCH HARBOR ATTACK BEING
RENEWED AS THIS DESPATCH FILED.**

SEALED**SECRET**

0076

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM

CINCPAC

ROUTINE

ALL TASK FORCE
COMMANDERS UNDER
MY COMMAND

PPPPP

RELEASED BY

DATE

3 JUNE 1942

EXTENSION

2244/2234

ROUTINE

COMINCH

PPPPP

RECEIVED BY

NEWHOUSE/SMITH

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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

032154 CCR 2285S

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ORIGINATOR FOR IN CASE ONLY TIME

DATE

TIME

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PATROL PLANE BEARING 247 DISTANT 470 MILES FROM MIDWAY
REPORTS SIGHTING TWO ORANGE CARGO VESSELS. PLANE CON-
TINUED SEARCH.

SIGHTED
ORANGE MAIN BODY/261 DISTANT 700 FROM MIDWAY ABOUT 2100Z/3

*Original given
Ad. Cooke 4/*

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SECRET

0077

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESS

DISTRIBUTION

FROM

NAS DUTCH HARBOR

CTF 8

OP-OP-OP

RELEASED BY

COMALSEC

USS CASCO

DATE

3 JUNE 42

EXTENSION

2337/2331

RECEIVED BY

HUTCHINSON/PITKIN

RECEIVED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS/EXTENSION WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS DESIRED

032215

CCR-2299-S

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ORIGINATOR FILE IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

TEXT

(PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

ELEVENTH AIR FORCE REPORTS CONTACT ENEMY CARRIER

LAT 53-07 LONG 167-10 AT 2100Z

*Original to
Ad. Code 8*

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFT

ATTACHMENT NUMBER

ADDRESS

PRECEDENCE

FROM

NASSDUTCH HARBOR

COMALSEC

RECEIVED BY

RRRRR

DATE

4 JUNE 1942

TIME

0055/2043

COM THIRTEEN
CTF 28
CINCPAC

BY

BUSBY/PORTER

RRRRR

PREPARED BY

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040745 CCR 2499-3

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ORIGINATOR FULL IN CODE AND TIME

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TEXT

ABOUT 10 TORPEDO BOMBER PLANES ESCORTED BY ABOUT 15 FIGHTERS
ATTACKED DUTCH HARBOR AT 0655 WILLIAM X PLANES APPEARED WITH-
OUT WARNING BUT STATION WAS AT DAILY DAWN BATTLE STATIONS
AND HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE WAS OPENED IMMEDIATELY FIGHTERS
DELIVERED STRAFING ATTACK ON CATALINA MAIL PLANE TAKING OFF
FOR KODIAK WHICH IMMEDIATELY WAS BEACHED ON SAND SPIT X TWO
MEMBERS OF CREW WERE KILLED AND ONE INJURED X HORIZONTAL
BOMBING ATTACK WAS DELIVERED FROM NINE THOUSAND FEET ALTI-
TITUDE TARGETS WERE OLD WOODEN OIL TANKS RADIO STATION AND
FORT MEARS X TANKS AND RADIO WERE NEARLY MISSED LATTER BEING
DAMAGED AND TRANSMITTING ANTENNA BEING TEMPORARILY OUT OF
COMMISSION AFTER FIRST CONTACT REPORT HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT
SEVERAL BARRACKS AND WAREHOUSES AT FORT MEARS HIT AND BURNED
X PRESIDENT FILLMORE OORLEN KING TALBOT GILLIS SAIL TWENTY
SEVEN AND ONANDAGA WERE IN HARBOR AND UNDAMAGED X ALL SHIPS
LEFT THE HARBOR DURING OR JUST AFTER THE ATTACK AT 0715

SEE P.2

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FOR EXTENSION			PRIORITY
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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ALONG WITH FROM WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

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ORIGINATOR'S NAME AND TIME

DATE

TIME

PAGE

TEXT

PLANES RETIRED TO NORTHWARD KNOWN CASUALTIES ARE NAVY THREE
 DEAD ONE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED MARINES ONE DEAD RSIEMSEDRAKE
 ONE DEAD ARMY 18 DEAD AND 25 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AT
 1035 SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED PLANES WERE SIGHTED BUT NO ATTACK
 WAS MADE X FACILITIES TO SERVE FLEET SURFACE SUBMARINE OR
 AIR UNITS READY TO SAME CAPACITY AS BEFORE X INTERED
 VISIBILITY INDICATE NO RECURRENCE FURTHER ATTACKS PRIOR
 DAWN TOMORROW XX

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~~SECRET~~

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NAVAL MESSAGE

ALL ADEES ACTION

ORIGINATOR CTF 4

FROM (NAS KODIAK ALASKA)

(LOCALLY ASS. AIRCRAFT
CALL)

PPPPP

RECEIVED BY

DATE 4 JUNE 1952

FOR INFORMATION 0036/2321

BY BUSBY/PORTER

L
LOCAL ARMY
COMINCH
CINCPAC
COMNORWESTSEAFRON
COMPTREPLANRON PAC
COMALSEC

REMARKS BY

INDICATE BY ATTACHED SYMBOL

041126 CCR 2494-S

(THIS FROM CTF FOUR X RADIO BREMERTON DELIVER TO COMINCH
CINCPAC COMNORWESTSEAFRON COMPTREPLANRON PAC X COMALSEC
AND LOCAL ARMY HAVE THIS X)

MSG IN THREE PARTS X PART ONE X RESUME OF AIR OPERATIONS
THREE JUNE X ALL TIME ZONES ZED X DUTCH HARBOR ATTACKED
ONE TIME FROM BERING SEA AT 031555 BY 4 TYPE 97 KOGEKIKI
TORPEDO BOMBERS AND 14 FIGHTERS X ATTACK CEASED AT 031615
X ENEMY RETIRED TO NORTH X APPEARED PRINCIPALLY PHOTO RE-
CONNAISSANCE X NIL DAMAGE REPORTED TO AIR STATION INSTALLA-
TIONS X ONE CATALINA STRAFFED ON WATER X MINOR FIRES IN
FORT MEARS BARRACKS AREA X ABOUT 2100^{THREE}/BOMBS OBSERVED DROP
THRU OVERCAST STRIKING WATER FIFTEEN MILES XX

0081

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PREFERENCE

NAS KODIAK

LOCALLY ASSIGNED
AIRCRAFT CALL

PPPPPP

4 JUNE 42

2257/2213

SMITH/PITKIN

Ø41145

CCR-2468-S

(PASSED BY COMNOWESTSEAFRON TO COMINCH AND COMREPLACEMENT
PATRONS PACFLT)

(PART TWO) NORTH OTTER POINT FIELD X

COLD BAY NOT ATTACKED X CATALINA IN COMBAT WITH CRUISER
AMPHIBIAN NORTH OF CARLISLE ISLAND AT 2Ø15 X OWN LOSSES
ONE CATALINA STAFØED DUTCH HARBOR X ONE DOWN ON REEF
NORTH OF TIGALDA X ONE ON SOUTHWEST END OF TIGALDA X
ONE BEACHED AND ABANDONED CAPE AIBK REPEAT AIAK UNALASKA X
THESE REPORTED NIL COMBAT DAMAGE OR PERSONAL CASUALTIES X
ONE DOWN BEARING 169 DISTANCE 7Ø MILES FROM OTTER POINT
AFTER REPORTING CONTACT WITH ENEMY CONCENTRATION OF
UNNAMED TYPES IN LAT 52-45 LONG 167-Ø4 AT Ø4Ø2ØØ X
INDICATE ONE MAN INJURED X TENDERS ENROUTE TO RESCUE X
BELIEVED ENEMY LOSSES ONE CRUISER PLANE SHOT DOWN OFFSHORE
OTTER POINT Ø321ØØ X ONE IN COMBAT

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~~SECRET~~

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 4 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2128/1922	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY CANNING/TIERS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

Ø41159 CCR 2452

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TEXT			

INTERCEPT(NOTE: CODEROOM IS SERVICING
HEADING AND MISSING PORTIONS)

(PART 3)

WITH CATALINA. ALL DF INDICATIONS, PREVIOUS NIGHT RADAR
CONTACTS AND OTHER UNCONFIRMED-(3 GROUPS HERE MISSING) --
---RIER NORTH OF ALEUTIAN'S INVESTIGATED NEGATIVE RESULTS
REPORT OF B-26 TORPEDO ATTACK ON CONCENTRATION SOUTHWEST
OF ATTER POINT NOT CONFIRMED. --(HERE 5 GROUPS MISSING)--
■ B-17 REPORTED QUOTE AFFIRMATIVE LARGE CARRIER DIVE
BOMBING PLANES FIGHTING PLANES UNQUOTE NIL POSITION GIVEN.
BASE RECKONING PLACED PLANE ON LINE FROM LAT 49-30 LONG
177 WEST TO 48 EVEN LONG 175 WEST. PLANE NOT HEARD FROM
SINCE. COMALSEC AND LOCAL ARMY AGREE WITH FOLLOWING ENEMY
TRAIN IF PRESENT IS IN BEARING SEA COVERED BY SMALL CARRIERS
FROM WHICH DUTCH ATTACK LAUNCHED. HEAVY STRIKING FORCE
INCLUDING LARGE CARRIERS SOUTH OF ALEUTIAN'S HEADING EAST
TO LAUNCH ATTACK ON DUTCH OR COLD BAY EARLY FOUR JUNE.
AM CONDUCTING NIGHT SEARCH AS PER PLAN.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM **NAS DUTCH HARBOR**

COM 13

URGENT

RELEASED BY

PRIORITY

DATE **4 JUNE 1942**

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

TOR CODEROM **1901/1855****COMINCH (PASSED BY
NPM FOR INFO)
UMNAK****URGENT**

PRIORITY

DECODED BY **TIERS/EDWARDS**

ROUTINE

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PARAPHRASED BY

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041720 CCR 2440S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

******* UMNAK HAS THIS**

ENEMY CARRIER PLUS 2 VESSELS BEARING 210 TRUE DISTANCE
240 MILES FROM OTTER POINT AT 164 ZED COURSE SPEED NOT
REPORTED 11 VICTOR 28 IN CONTACT CEILING 2000, 2 CATALINAS
WITH TORPEDOES ENROUTE FROM CTG 8.1.

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041845 CCR 24428

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TEXT

— INTERCEPT —

COMINCH INFORMED.

MIDWAY REPORTS AIR RAID AT 041835

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMALSEC (NPC)	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC (NPM)	OP OP OP ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 4 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION	COMINCH (NSS)	OP OP OP ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 2128/2123			
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			
PARAPHRASED BY			

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Ø42Ø55 CCR 245Ø-S

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TEXT			

(THIS FOR CINCPAC INFO COMINCH FOLLOWING RECEIVED
FROM COMALSEC)

CONTACTED ONE POSSIBLY TWO CARRIERS PLUS TWO GUARDS
AT POSIT LAT 5Ø-Ø7 LONG 171-14 COURSE 15Ø AT SEVENTEEN
TWENTY X ENROUTE WITH BOMBS AND TORPEDOES RESPECTIVELY
B-17S AND 26S X CARRYING TORPEDOES AND ENROUTE IS THE
CATALINAS. TIME IS ZED.

SEALED ~~**SECRET**~~

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESS

DATE/TIME

FROM

(LOCALLY ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT
CALL)

(LOCALLY ASSIGNED AIROP OP OP
CRAFT CALL)

RECEIVED BY

CINCPAC

ROUTINE

DATE

4 JUNE 1942

COMINCH

DELIVERED

FOR DELIVERY

0036/0023

RECEIVED

RECEIVED BY

XXXXXXXX BUSBY/PORTER

ROUTINE

RECEIVED BY

UNCLASSIFIED BY AIRCRAFT MESSAGE FOR WHICH DELIVERY IS REQUIRED

042240 CCR 2492-S

UNCLASSIFIED BY AIRCRAFT MESSAGE FOR WHICH DELIVERY IS REQUIRED

UNCLASSIFIED BY AIRCRAFT MESSAGE FOR WHICH DELIVERY IS REQUIRED

DATE

TIME

DATE

CONTACT 042105 ONE CARRIER THREE CAST AFIRM TWO DOG DOG
COURSE THREE SIX ZERO SPEED FIFTEEN X BEARING 215 DISTANCE
165 FROM DUTCH HARBOR ENEMY IN CRUISING DISPOSITION CARRIER
INSIDE FEW PLANES ON DECK FINE VISIBILITY X FORCE IS SAME
AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED XX

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

UNCLASSIFIED BY AIRCRAFT MESSAGE FOR WHICH DELIVERY IS REQUIRED

0087

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PRECEDENCE

FROM CTF 17 (NERK)

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

PREPARED BY

MIDWAY

DATE 4 JUNE 1942

FOR CABLE ROOM 0129/0121

RECEIVED BY CRISWELL/PORTER

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS FROM WHICH MESSAGE DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

050001 CCR 2506-S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

JST

TEXT

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY CINCPAC

(PASS TO MIDWAY X FROM COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN)

HAVE ATTACKED TWO ENEMY CARRIERS REPORTED YOUR ZERO
 FOUR EIGHTEEN FORTYTHREE X HAVE NO INDICATION OF LOCATION XXXX
 ADDITIONAL CARRIERS WHICH HAVE SIGHTED THIS FORCE XX

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

Make original safe. Deliver to communicating watch officer in person. (For all other cases)

0088

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPT/ML

ORIGIN

CLASSIFICATION

ADDRESS

PRECEDENCE

FROM COMTASKFORCE 16

CINCPAC

URGENT
PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

DATE 5 JUNE 1942

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

TO

1311/ 0306

URGENT
PRIORITY

EDWARDS/CANNING

COMTASKFOR 17

ROUTINE

NAS MIDWAY

DEFERRED

050204 CCR 2621S

----- INTERCEPT -----

THIS FROM COMTASKFOR 16. ACTION TO CINCPAC, NAS MIDWAY AND INFO
TO COMTASKFOR 17 . CINCPAC PASS TO MIDWAY IN ONE OF THEIR SYSTEMS.

AIR GROUPS FROM TASK FORCES 16 AND 17 ATTACKED CARRIERS OF ENEMY
FORCE CONSISTING OF PROBABLY FOUR CV, TWO BB, FOUR CA AND SIX DD.
ALL FOUR CV BELIEVED BADLY DAMAGED. ONE OR TWO OTHER HEAVY SHIPS
CLAIMED HIT. TIME OF ATTACK BETWEEN 2130 AND 2300Z. AT 2215Z
ENEMY MANEUVERING IN APPROXIMATE POSITION LAT 30-38 NORTH LONG
LOSSES
178-30 WEST. OUR PLANE ~~LOOSE~~ HEAVY. REQUEST POSITIONS OF ENEMY
UNITS AND TRACKING DATA AS PRACTICABLE.

0089

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)

CINCPAC

OP OP PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

DATE JUNE 5 1942

TO CODE ROOM 0509/0447

ALL TF COMS PAC
COMINCH

OP OP

RECORDED BY PURDY.BELL.

(PASSED BY CINCPAC)

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

050315 CCR 2550 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TEXT

THIS FROM COMTASKFOR 17.

AFTER SECOND HEAVY ATTACK AT 0240 ZED YORKTOWN
APPARENTLY SINKING. YORKTOWN REPORTED 2 ENEMY CARRIERS
DESTROYED. HAVE NO IDEA LOCATION CARRIERS ATTACKING
TASKFORCE 17.

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

0090

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM COMTASKFOR 17		COMTASKFOR 16	URGENT
RELEASED BY		NAS MIDWAY IS.	ROUTINE
DATE JUNE 5 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM 0625/0614		CINCPAC	URGENT
DECODED BY CAMBRON/FIELD		(PASSED BY NPM TO COMINCH)	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

050320

CCR 2565 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	SEC
TEXT			

CINCPAC PASS TO MIDWAY FOR ACTION, ALSO COMTASKFOR 16
FOR ACTION.

REQUEST AIR SUPPORT WHILE I. RESCUE CREW YORKTOWN.

SEALED ~~**SECRET**~~

Make original only. Deliver as communication with officers in person. (See Art. 20 (1) NAVREGS.)

0091

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM **CINCPAC**

CDRS ALL TF PAC

PPPP

RELEASED BY

DATE **JUNE 5 1942**TOR CODE ROOM **1108/1038**DECODED BY **BELL/FIELD**

PARAPHRASED BY

COMINCH

PPPP

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

050403

CCR 2608 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

THIS IS TEXT OF MIDWAY 050220 SENT TO ALL TASKFOR COMS
AND TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY CINCPAC.

OF MAG THREE FIGHTERS EIGHT DIVE BOMBERS REMAINING IN COM-
MISSION ALL OF WHICH LIMITED TO RADIUS 150 MILES DUE
DAMAGED TANKS. ALL 00000000 EXCEPT TWO PATROL PLANES
TO OUTLYING RENDEZVOUS. HAVE DIRECTED CATALINA AMPHIBIANS
RETURN HERE LAND IN LAGOON WILL USE FOR SCOUTS TOMORROW.
GAS SITUATION EASTERN ISLAND CRITICAL ONLY 40,000 GAL-
LONS IN UNDERGROUND STORAGE AVAILABLE DUE DESTRUCTION
POWER HOUSE.

SEALED ~~**SECRET**~~

Make original only Deliver to communication which officer in person. (See Act. 76 (4) NAVRREGS)

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0092

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PRECEDENCE

FROM INDEFINITE CALL

INDEFINITE CALL

URGENT

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

DATE JUNE 5 1942

TO: ROOM 0640/0621

PRIORITY

EXTENDED BY CAMBRON/FIELD

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS NECESSARY

050503

CCR 2570 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

050405 REPORT FROM COLD BAY B-26 PILOT RETURNED DIVE BOMBED
 CARRIER BELIEVED SKASIX A TYPE. AT 050052 GABS (GAVE ?)
 POSITION BEARING 210 DISTANCE 120 FROM UMNAK COMPNRON
 ONE LARGE CV WITH FIVE FIGHTERS ON DECK ONE SMALL CV NO
 PLANES TWO CA THREE DD COURSE 330 SPEED 25. REPORTED
 POSITION CHECKED WITH LAST KNOWN MOVEMENTS.

SEALED

SECRET

0093

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRIORITY

FROM **COMNORTHWESTSEAFRON (NPC)**

CINCPAC (NPM)

PPPP

RELEASED BY:

COMINCH (NSS)

ROUTINE

OVERSEAS

DATE **JUNE 5 1942**

PAR CODE/ROOM **0723/0656**

RECORDED BY **CAMBRON/FIELD**

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK (*) FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

050533

CCR 2581 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GMT

TEXT

FROM COMNORTHWESTSEAFRON FOR CINCPAC AND COMINCH.

**DUTCH HARBOR UNDER REPEATED SEVERE AIR ATTACKS BEGINNING
SHORTLY BEFORE 1900 XRAY. COMMUNICATIONS STILL INTACT.**

SEALED

SECRET

0094

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEE

PRECEDENCE

FROM NAS KODIAK

COMINCH

OP OP OP

RELEASED BY

CINCPAC

DATE

JUNE 5 1942

COM 13

FOR CODE ROOM

0833/0824

RECEIVED BY

CAMBRON/FIELD

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

050535

CCR 2590 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH CRITICAL PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

FROM COMPATWING 4.

THIS MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS. PART 1. RESUME OF SITUATION AT 05420. ALL TIMES ZED. NIL INDICATIONS OF ENEMY NORTH OF ALEUTIANS TODAY. ENEMY FORCE ONE CV TWO DD DEFINITELY LOCATED BY CATALINA IN LAT 50-07 LONG 171-14W COURSE 150 AT 041725. TWO TORPEDO LOADED AMPHIBIANS IN AIR NEAR DUTCH HARBOR STARTED IMMEDIATELY TO ATTACK. CONTACT APPARENTLY LOST ABOUT 1840. TORPEDO AMPHIBIANS FORMED SCOUTING LINE AND SEVENTEEN V-3 REGAINED CONTACT AT 2005. REPORTED "ONE CV, THREE CA, TWO DD POSITION BEARING 215 DISTANCE 165 FROM OTTER POINT FEW PLANES ON DECK, COURSE NORTH SPEED 15". REPORTED ENEMY CHANGED COURSE TO 200 SPEED 20 AT 2125. LOW FUEL AND ENGINE FAILURE MADE TORPEDO ATTACK INCOMPLETE. AT 2318 CONTACT LOST AS RELIEVING PLANE NOT ARRIVED. (END PART ONE)

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

Make initial only. Mail service provided by the Navy Department, Navy Mail Service, Navy Mail Service, Navy Mail Service.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	ALL TASK FORCE COMS PAC FLT	OP OP OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 5 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1056/5	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY BALL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT COPELAND**050557 NCR 9941**

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT **INFO COMINCH.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY 0430/05
 QUOTE COMTASKFORCE 17 TRANSFERRED FLAG TO ASTORIA. YORKTOWN HIT
 BY AT LEAST THREE BOMBS BADLY DAMAGED DEAD IN WATER BUT APPARENTLY
 SEAWORTHY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED TASK FORCE 17 WILL PROTECT
 AND SALVAGE YORKTOWN TASKFORCE 16 WILL CONTINUE ENGAGE ENEMY.
 YORKTOWN POSITION LAT 30-48 LONG 78-53 UNQUOTE.

DISTRIBUTION

COMINCH....COG.

SHOW 200P....19....

RECORD COPY: 10....16....20G....FILE....

NO FURTHER DISTRIBUTION MADE BY NCR.**~~SECRET~~** 050557

0096

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PRIORITY

NAS DUTCH HARBOR

COMALSEC

OP OP OP

COM 13

CINCPAC

COMINCH

COMCEN ALASKA DEFENSE

JUNE 5 1942

0657/0638

BELL/FIELD

050615

CCR 2576 S

DUTCH HARBOR ATTACKED BY ELEVEN BOMBERS AND SEVEN FIGHTERS
AT 1808W. SS NORTHWESTERN AND WAREHOUSES LOST. DETAILS
WILL FOLLOW.

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

0097

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM _____	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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050631

CCR 2597 S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

FORWARDED CONFIRMATION FROM COMTASKGROUP 8.3 OF COMTASKUNIT
 8.1.1 ORDERS TO UMNAK FOR B-26'S TO TAKE OFF ATTACK WITH
 TORPEDOES WHEN FOUR NAVY PLANES PLUS ONE B-17 THEN ABOUT TO
 (END PART TWO)

SEALED **~~SECRET~~**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN	EXTENSION NUMBER	AUDIENCE	PRIORITY
NAS KODIAK		COMINCH	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 5 1942	COM 13	DEFERRED
EXTENSION	0947/0931		ROUTINE
EXTENSION PT	CAMBRON/FIELD		DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY CHECK IN JUNE 1942

050631

CCR 2597 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH PRIORITY

TERMINATOR FIELD IN DATE 2-1-42

DATE

TIME

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TEXT

(PART TWO)

OUT OF FUEL. FOUR AMPHIBIANS CALLED INTO UMNAK TO LOAD TORPEDOES FOR ATTACK. SIX B-17 ONE LB-30 DEPARTED KODIAK AT 1950 FOR COLD BAY ENROUTE TO ATTACK WITH BOMBS, DEPARTED COLD BAY FOR TARGET 050035, NO SUBSEQUENT REPORT FROM THEM. MESSAGE FROM COMTASKUNIT 8.1.1 INDICATED SIX UMNAK B-26 DEPARTED UMNAK TO ATTACK BUT RETURNED WHEN CONTACT LOST. CASCO REPORTED AT 042350 THAT FIVE B-26 DEPARTED COLD BAY FOR UMNAK TO REFUEL, ELMENDORF B-26'S FAILED TO REACH COLD BAY ACCOUNT WEATHER AND RETURNED. NO APPARENT ACTION BY ANY B-26'S SINCE. AT 050105 COMTASKUNIT 8.1.1 REQUESTED ME TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE ORDERS FOR ARMY AT UMNAK WHO HAD REQUESTED EXPLICIT ORDER FOR ARMY AND NAVY SEPARATELY. AT 050209 FORWARDED COMTASKGROUP 8.3 ORDER TO UMNAK FOR BOMBARDMENT TO ATTACK CARRIER IMMEDIATELY. AT 050224

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

0099

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PRECEDENCE

FROM COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

RELEASED BY

DATE JUNE 5 1942

TOR CODER ROOM 1105/1038

DECODED BY CAMBRON/FIELD

PASSED BY CINCPAC TO OP OP

COMINCH

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS NOT WANTED

050645

CCR 2607 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DELAYED MAIL DELIVERY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

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TEXT

FROM COMTASKFOR 17.

YORKTOWN RECEIVED THREE BOMB HITS FIRST ATTACK, TWO OR MORE TORPEDO HITS ON SECOND ATTACK. ALL BOILERS OUT OF COMMISSION SHIP LISTED THIRTY DEGREES AND ABANDONED WHEN APPARENTLY ABOUT TO CAPSIZE. STILL AFLOAT NO APPRECIABLE CHANGE IN TRIM DOWN BY THE HEAD. WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO TOW HER BY CRUISER. DESTROYER STANDING BY.

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

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Make original note. Deliver to commandant of ship or to officer in charge. Copy to the Navy.

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRIORITY
FROM CINCPAC (IND CALL)			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE JUNE 5 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM 0810/0752			
DECODED BY		CDRS ALL TF PAC	OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED BY		COMINCH	ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

050647

CCR 2587 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME SET
TEXT

MIDWAY 050621 "PATROL PLANE THAT HAS BEEN TRAILING ENEMY
ATTACKED BY ZERO FIGHTERS. MAY INDICATE JAP CARRIER
STILL ON LOOSE" AND HIS 050620 "FORTRESSES REPORT CRUI-
SER LEFT AFIRE CARRIER NOT LOCATED."

SEALED

~~SECRET~~

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Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 26 (4) NAVREGS.)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
FOR CODING ROOM	FOR MAILING		PRIORITY
RECORDED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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050655

CCR 2595 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

DOVA FOR KODIAK. LIEUT COMDR PAUL FOLEY USN DESERVES
 HIGH PRAISE FOR TODAYS CATALINA OPERATIONS. AT 050355
 DUTCH AND GILLIS REPORT PLANE ATTACK ON STATION. GARBLED
 REPORTS NOW COMING IN INDICATE REGAINED CONTACT AND POS-
 SIBLE ATTACK. (END PART THREE)

SEALED

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0102

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEE

PRECEDENCE

FROM NAS KODIAK

COMINCH

OP OP OP

RELEASED BY

CINCPAC

DATE JUNE 5 1942

COM 13

FOR CODING 0941/0922

DECODED BY BELL/FIELD

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

050655

CCR 2595 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT COMALSEC, LOCAL ARMY HAVE THIS.

(PART 3) DEPART UMNAK HAD REGAINED CONTACT. COMTASKUNIT 8.1.2 REPORTS AT 050254 COMPLETED SEARCH SECTOR TWO DISTANCE 450 MILES NEGATIVE RESULTS. THREE CATALINAS DEPARTING 050200 TO SEARCH SECTOR LIMITING BEARINGS 150 TO 225 DISTANCE 200 MILES. B-17 MAKING NIGHT SEARCH KODIAK SECTOR 225 TO 216 DISTANCE 700 MILES. BECAUSE NUMBERS CATALINAS AND CREWS AVAILABLE UNDETERMINED CANNOT SPECIFY ADDITIONAL SEARCHES AT THIS TIME BUT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO REGAIN AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH ENEMY UNTIL ATTACKS COMPLETED IF IT TAKES ALL NIGHT. PILOTS AND CREWS IN ALMOST CONSTANT FLIGHT AND ACTION PAST 48 HOURS IN MOST DIFFICULT WEATHER. COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULT AS PATRON PORTABLES ONLY RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS WITH FORTS GLENN AND RANDALL. REINFORCEMENTS ENROUTE TWO CATALINAS FROM SEATTLE TO KODIAK, THREE KINGFISHERS SITKA TO KODIAK, ELEVEN WILDCATS AT COR

SEALED SECRET

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0103

ALL TASK FOR COMS PPPPPP
PAC

2459/ 1953

BUSBY/CURTIS

COMINCH
COMGENHAWDEPT

ppppp

154915 CCR 2695 S

FROM CINCPAC INFO COMINCH AND COMGENHAWDEPT

YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY TODAY
HAVE WRITTEN A GLORIOUS PAGE IN OUR HISTORY. I AM
PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH YOU. I ESTIMATE THAT
ANOTHER DAY OF ALL OUT EFFORT ON YOUR PART WILL
COMPLETE THE DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY.

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM NAS KODIAK		COMINCH CINCPAC CONTASKFOR 8	PPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE JUNE 6 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CONTROL ROOM 0443/0441			PRIORITY
RECORDED BY WINTER/FIELD			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

051520

CCR 2762 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

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TEXT

FROM DPW FOUR.

BEST INFORMATION AT 1200 FIVE JUNE ZED INDICATES TOTAL CATALINA ~~000~~ OPERATIONAL AND COMBAT LOSSES. DATE AND TIME. ONE ABANDONED SOUTH COAST UMNAC CREW SAFE. ONE SOUTH SCOTCH CAPE CREW BELIEVED SAFE. ONE LAST REPORTED NEAR TIGALDI ISLAND AREA SEARCHED NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONE SHOT DOWN IN ELAPFL UNALASKA AREA CREW DEAD. ONE DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR DUTCH HARBOR RESULT FIRST ATTACK. TWO CATALINAS STILL MISSING FROM NIGHT OPERATIONS THREE OTHERS UNREPORTED. CHANGING ENGINE ONE PLANE AT DUTCH ENGINE DAMAGED BY 50 CALIBER ANTI-AIRCRAFT IN ATTACK ON CARRIER. CATALINAS AVAILABLE OPERATIONS THIS DATE EIGHT WITH POSSIBLY TWO OR THREE MORE LATER IN MORNING. TOTAL ENEMY LOSSES DUE THIS TASK GROUP ONE C L AMPHIBIAN SURE WEDNESDAY TWO PURSUITS POSSIBLY DAMAGED BY WILLIAMSON THURSDAY. NU-

SEALED

SECRET

0105

Make original only. Destroy by communication which follows in package. (See ACT 1040 NAVY) 1040

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

**MEROUS INDECISIVE COMBATS BETWEEN CATALINAS AND ZEROS
WEDNESDAY.**

SEALED**~~SECRET~~**

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See APL 78 (4) NAVREG 8.1)

0106

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

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ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM **COMPATWING 4 (COMNOWESTSEAFRON)****COMINCH
CINCPAC
COM REPLACEMENT
PATRONSPAC**

PRIORITY

OP OP OP

RELEASED BY

DATE **5 JUNE 1942**TOR CODER/COM **2041/1958**DECODED BY **EDWARDS/TIERS**

PARAPHRASED BY

DEFERRED

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

051855 CCR 2694

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

THIS FROM COMPATWING 4.COM 13 PASS TO COMINCH COMPATREPLATRONSPAC AND CINCPAC.

ORIGINATOR DECLARES NOT MORE THAN 14 DOUBTFULLY EFFECTIVE CATALINAS REMAINING NOW. OPERATIONAL AND COMBAT LOSSES IN MAINTAINING CONTACT ARE MOUNTING AND ARMY AIR HAS NOT YET STRUCK EFFECTIVE BLOW. PILOTS AND CREWS AT LIMIT OF ENDURANCE AFTER 48 HOURS CONTINUOUS FLYING AND FIGHTING DESPITE USUAL ALEUTIAN WEATHER. THIS NIGHT WILL JUST ABOUT END THEM. MUST HAVE REPLACEMENTS OR THESE JAPS WILL GIVE US THE SLIP.

SEALED SECRET

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)

0107

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR

ATTENTION NUMBER

ADDRESS

PRECEDENCE

FROM

CINCPAC (NISA)

COMTASKFOR 16

OPOP

C. MINCH

RECEIVED BY

COMTASKFOR 17

DATE

5 JUNE 1942

TIME

2145/2438

CINCPAC

OPOP

RECEIVED BY

CURTIS/CURTIS

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS UNSUCCESSFUL

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE DELIVERED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

051959 CCR 26978

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

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TEXT

THIS FROM CINCPAC

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY. "ATTACKING BATTLESHIPS
REPORTED STREAMING OIL WITH ALL AVAILABLE FORTRESSES
AND 13 DIVE BOMBERS"

SEALED ~~SECRET~~

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0108

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 8 (COMALSEC)		CINCPAC	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		COMINCH	ROUTINE
DATE 5 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 0022/2354			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

052040 CCR 2726-S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

(THIS FOR CINCPAC AND COMINCH FROM COMTASKFOR EIGHT)

JAPANESE RAIDS TO DATE APPEAR MORE OF CHARACTER OF DIVERSION THAN ALL OUT ATTACK. ENEMY MADE ONE WEAK BOMBING ATTACK ON UMNAK IN ADDITION DUTCHHARBOR RAIDS ALREADY REPORTED. NO ATTACK HAS YET BEEN IN STRENGTH OF SOFTENING RAID WHICH WOULD PROCEED LANDING OPERATIONS. WEAKNESS OF HIS ATTACKS TO DATE COULD BE DUE TO POSSIBILITY OF HIS LARGE OPERATIONAL LOSS OF PLANES IN BAD FLYING WEATHER OR HIS BELIEF THAT STRONG SOFTENING ATTACKS NOT NECESSARY ON ACCOUNT OF OUR WEAKNESS IN UMNAK DUTCH HARBOR AREA. FACT THAT AIR STRIKING FORCE HAS SO FAR NOT MADE EFFECTIVE ATTACK TENDS TO SUPPORT THIS POSSIBLE ESTIMATE BY ENEMY. NO EVIDENCE YET THAT ENEMY KNOWS OF COLD BAY AIRFIELD. ENEMY NOW IN AREA FORTY EIGHT HOURS AND HAS NOT YET INCREASED TEMPO OF ATTACKS. OUR SCOUTS HAVE LOST CONTACT FOR PRESENT. HAVE FOUND NO

(SEE PAGE TWO)**SEALED****SECRET**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
FOR CODER/ROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODER BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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TEXT

REASON TO ALTER SCOUTING AND ATTRITION DISPOSITIONS. ALL AVAILABLE ARMY BOMBER TYPES CONCENTRATED IN WESTERN AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN. ALL OUT AIR SCOUTING OPERATIONS HAS SERIOUSLY WEAKENED OUR PATWING ~~AND~~⁴ SCOUTS BUT ~~REXXX~~ REMAINDER ARE CARRYING ON IN SPLENDID MANNER. HOPE FOR STRONG OFFENSIVE ACTION FROM AIR STRIKING GROUP WHEN ENEMY NEXT LOCATED. NEXT 48 HOURS SHOULD DEVELOP ENEMY INTENTIONS WITH MORE CERTAINTY

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:

3 TO STAFF DUTY OFFICER

1 TO CHART ROOM WATCH OFFICER

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	CINCPAC (NERK)		CTF 16	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY			CTF 17	ROUTINE
DATE	JUNE 6 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	0518/0507		COMINCH	OP OP OP
DECODED BY	CAMBRON/FIELD			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 2765 S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

COMTASKFORCES 7, 4, AND 9 HAVE THIS. FROM CINCPAC.

MY 060123 CARRIER REPORTED NOT REPEAT NOT SMOKING IS BY
 DEFERRED REPORT SMOKING BADLY AND GOING AT SLOW SPEED.
 WHEN LAST OBSERVED 0824Z WAS ON COURSE 245.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PRECEDENCE

FROM CINCPAC (NERK)

RELEASED BY

DATE JUNE 6 1942

EX-1001000 0949/0824

DISTRIBUTION CAMBRON/FIELD

COMINCH

RRRR

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ADDING ADDRESSES TO WHICH MAIL SHOULD BE SENT.

060601

CCR 2802 S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE CONSIDERED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR FILE IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

PASSED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION BY CINCPAC.

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM MIDWAY UNDER DATE-TIME
GROUP 060405:

"RESCUED ENS GAY who believes himself sole survivor
TORPRON 8 ALL SHOT DOWN BY ZERO FIGHTERS. HE MADE DROP
SCORED HIT ALL OTHER SHOT DOWN OUTSIDE OF 16,000 YARDS.
ON DEPARTURE HE WAS SHOT DOWN BY ZERO FIGHTERS CLOSE TO
CARRIER AND SAW FOLLOWING HIDING UNDER CUSHION NOT INFLA-
TING LIFE RAFT UNTIL DARK. CARRIER TRIFLE SMALLER THAN
TWO GIANTS BURNING AND A SHIP THOUGHT A BATTLESHIP ON
FIRE. THEN SAW SEVERAL HITS DIVE BOMBERS FROM HKU GROUP
AND BOTH BIGGEST SIZE CARRIERS STARTED BURNING FIERCELY.
CRUISER TRIED TO RESCUE PERSONNEL FROM CARRIER NEAREST
HIM LATER BEGAN FIRING TO SINK IT. IDENTIFIED THIS SHIP
AS KAGA OR AKAGI. CARRIER HE HIT WITH TORPEDO AND LATER

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TOW CODE/ROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 2802 S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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GCT

TEXT

BY DIVE BOMBERS NEARLY DEAD IN WATER ALL AFTERNOON. DESTROYER LATER CAME ALONGSIDE NEAREST CARRIER AND TOOK OFF PERSONNEL. NEAR MORNING HE HEARD A NUMBER OF TREMENDOUS EXPLOSIONS. ALL THREE CARRIERS SEEN BURNING FIERCELY. JAP PLANES CIRCLED OVERHEAD LONG TIME."

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0113

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM CTF 16

CINCPAC

URGENT

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

DATE 6 JUNE 1942

TOR CODEROM 2359/2353

PRIORITY

DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

062123 CCR 2926-S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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GCT

TEXT

(FROM COMTASKFORCE 16)

INTERCEPT

AT 1815Z 6TH ONE BB FIVE DD LAT 29-30N 174-30E COURSE
 270 SPEED 10. SAME TIME 2 CA AND 2 DD LAT 28-54N LONG 175-11E
 COURSE 215 SPEED 15. AM ATTACKING BATTLESHIP. WILL SEND
 DESTROYERS LOW IN FUEL TO CIMMARON AS NECESSARY. MY POSIT
 ABOVE TIME LAT 30-49N LONG 176-39E.

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:

THREE TO STAFF DO

ONE TO CHART ROOM DO

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM CINC PAC		CTF 16	URGENT
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 XXX JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROM 2346/2341		COMINCH	URGENT
DECODED BY CURTIS/PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

Ø62259 CCR 2921-S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

HERE IS MADWAY'S Ø62235. YOUR Ø622Ø5 DISPATCHING TWO
SQUADRONS TOTALLING TWELVE FORTRESSES ATTACK CRUISER
GROUP. ASSUME SPRUANCE WILL GET BATTLESHIP AND BELIEVE
CRUISERS ENROUTE TO JOIN TRANSPORTS.

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:

THREE TO STAFF DO
ONE TO CHART ROOM DO

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEE

PRECEDENCE

FROM CINCPAC

ALL TASKFOR COMS PAC URGENT

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DATE 6 JUNE 1942

DEFERRED

TOH CODEWORD 0119/0116

COMINCH

URGENT

BYDDOLE BY SCHULZE/PORTER

CTF 16

ROUTINE

PARAPHRASED BY

DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK, SUBSTITUTES FOR WHICH WILL DELIVER A SATISFACTORY

070041 CCR 2933-S

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

FOR INFO COMTASKFOR SIXTEEN

MIDWAY'S 062351 QUOTE PATR ^{PLANE} REPORTS AIRCRAFT ATTACKING
 FOUR UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS DISTANCE 525 BEARING 277 COURSE
 200 SPEED 30. ATTACKING WITH SIX GROUPS FORTRESSES
 TOTALLING 25 PLANES MY 062235.

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:

THREE STAFF DO

ONE TO CHART ROOM DO

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	ALL TASKFORCE COMS PAC	PRIORITY URGENT
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 JUNE 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 0234/0230	INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY URGENT
DECODED BY BUSBY/PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

070207 CCR 2942-S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

(ALL TASK FORCE COMS AND COMINCH FOR INFO)

**MIDWAY'S 070130 QUOTE PATROL PLANE REPORTS ENGAGEMENT ENEMY
BATTLESHIP CRUISERS OUR CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS BEARING ■
277 DISTANCE 550 UNQUOTE.**

COPIES DELIVERED BY CCR AS FOLLOWS:**THREE TO STAFF DO****ONE TO CHART ROOM DO****SEALED****~~SECRET~~**

0117

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMTASKGRP 17.5	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC COMTASKFOR 17	URGENT PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 7 JUNE 1942	INFORMATION	OPNAV	URGENT PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0505/7			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY YEAGER			
PARAPHRASED BY GERMAN			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

GARTH**070336 NCR 1043**

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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TEXT

**YORKTOWN RECEIVED 2 TORPEDO HITS FROM SUBMARINE
STARBOARD SIDE FIRES OUT. LIST NOW REDUCED TO 17⁰. WITH
HELP WILL BRING HER IN. HAMMANN SUNK. PRESENT LATITUDE
30-40 LONGITUDE 176-22. BOCKMASTER XX AEU XX REQUEST
AIR COVERAGE.**

DISTRIBUTION:

COMINCH.....COG.

FIDE.

*NOTE: NO FURTHER DISTRIBUTION MADE BY NCR.

UNDERLINED PORTION HAS BEEN SERVICED.

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070336 NCR 1043**SEALED SECRET**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEE

PRECEDENCE

FROM **COMALSEC****CINCPAC****PRIORITY**

RELEASED BY

DATE **7 JUNE 1942**FOR CODEWORD **1810/1805****CTF 8****PRIORITY**DECODED BY **MILBY/GLUNT****COMNOWESTSEAFRON**

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEE'S PUN WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

070740 CCR 30428

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS AND REPEATED CONTACTS ARE RESULTING IN PROGRESSIVE LOSSES OUR CATALINAS WITHOUT BEING FOLLOWED BY SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS AND COMPENSATING DAMAGE TO ENEMY. ENEMY CV'S, CA'S AND DD'S OPERATING IN AND OUT OF BOMBING RANGE UMNAK AND DUTCH HARBOR WITH APPARENT IMPUNITY. NO TROOPSHIPS YET SIGHTED BUT BELIEVE THE ISLANDS ARE IN DANGER AT PRESENT RATE UNLESS TASKFOR 8 IS REINFORCED EITHER BY CARRIER AND ADDITIONAL CRUISERS OR BY PLANES OR BOMBERS SKILLED IN FINDING AND ATTACKING ENEMY AFTER PATROL PLANES HAVE MADE CONTACT. COMTASKFORCE 8 NOW AT SEA.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

070747 CCR 2993 S

ORIGINATOR TILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

CINCPAC TO COMINCH.

CONCUR FULLY YOUR 062045. REGARDING PLAUSIBLE ESTIMATE
ENEMY ACTION IT MIGHT WELL BE ADDED THAT EFFECT OF
BUILDING PROGRAM BEGINNING TO BE FELT INDICATING PRESENT
TIME MOST FAVORABLE FOR ATTACK. ON ASSUMPTION YOU
WILL ARRANGE FOR PROPOSED SURMISE BY PRESS WILL INITIATE
NOTHING HERE. HAVE ENDEAVORED TO MAKE MY COMMUNIQUE CON-
SERVATIVE.

~~SECRET~~

0126

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

CLASS

DATE AND TIME

ADDITIONAL

PRECEDENCE

COMTASKFORCE 16

CINCPAC

OP OP OP

7 JUNE 1942

1553/1536

COMINCH (PASSED BY
CINCPAC)

OP OP OP

HIGGINS/EDWARDS

REMARKS

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070756 CCR 30253

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ORIGINATOR FULL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

COMTASKFORCE 16 ORIGINATOR.

MADE 1 ATTACK ON 2 CA'S, 3 ATTACKS ON BB, CA, DD'S
 REPORTED MY 162123. BB LEEI GOTTED AND ABANDONED IN
 LAT 28-55 NORTH LONG 173-08 EAST. ONE DD SUNK, OTHERS
 DAMAGED. CA WITH 3 BOMB HITS. 1ST 2 CA'S 1 OF WHICH IS
 BELIEVED FLAGSHIP OF CINC 2ND FLEET RECEIVED THOUSAND
 POUND BOMB HITS. AS A RESULT OF SEARCH LATE YESTERDAY
 EXTENDING ALONG 315 DEGREE RADIUS FROM MIDWAY TO DISTANCE
 OF 420 MILES DURING WHICH ONLY 2 SMALL SHIPS PROBABLY DD'S
 WERE SIGHTED AND ATTACKED AND OF 200 MILE SEARCH 180-360
 DEGREES FROM MY 1600 ZED POSITION TODAY LAT 30-50 LONG
 177-10 BELIEVE 4TH CARRIER HAS BEEN SUNK. AM PROCEEDING
 TO CIMARRON TO REFUEL. AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT ON BOARD:

ENTERPRISE
 HORNET
 YORKTOWN

VF-26
 VF-13
 VF-15

VSB-14
 VSB-31
 VSB-19

VTB-3
 VTB-0
 VTB-0

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY SECURITY

ORIGINATOR	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEE	CLASSIFICATION
FROM			PRIORITY
RELAYED BY			APPROVAL
DATE			RECEIVED
FOR VOUCHER			REMARKS
RECEIVED BY			REMARKS
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INDICATE BY RECEIPT ADDRESS, FOR WHICH MESSAGE DELIVERED IN SATISFACTORY

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070756 CCR 3025S

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TEXT			

LATTER DIVIDED ON 1ST 2. FLIGHT CREW REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED AS ABOVE.

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1 Copy to Chart Room

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES

PRECEDENCE

FROM **COMNOWESTSEAFRON (NPC)**

CINCPAC (NPM)

PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

DATE **7 JUNE 1942**FOR CDR ROOM **1725/1652**DECLINED BY **HIGGINS/GLUNT**

COMINCH (NSS)

PRIORITY

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSER FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

071611 CCR 30328

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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TEXT

THIS FROM COMNOWESTSEAFRON TO CINCPAC AND INFO COMINCH

SITUATION IN ALASKA RAPIDLY DETERIORATING. OUR PBY'S ARE TAKING A SEVERE BEATING WITH HEAVY LOSSES DESPITE HEROIC EFFORTS. THEIR SPEED AND LOW COMBAT VALUE MAKE THEM EASY VICTIMS OF JAP FIGHTERS WHO APPARENTLY ARE BEING VECTORED TO THEM THROUGH HEAVY FOG. CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF FAKE MESSAGES POINT TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH AIRCRAFT BEING COMPROMISED. REPLACEMENTS OR CARRIERS ASSISTANCE BADLY NEEDED. INEXPERIENCE OF BOMBER AND FIGHTER PILOTS OPERATING OVER WATER IN LOW VISIBILITY HANDICAP COMBAT FOLLOWUP AFTER PATROL PLANE CONTACTS. CAT AND MOUSE TACTICS OF ENEMY SUGGEST HE IS CORRECTLY ESTIMATING OUR WEAKNESS AND IS WEARING US DOWN PRELIMINARY TO DELIVERING ALL OUT ATTACK. SUGGEST REASONABLE SAFETY OF PEARL AFTER MIDWAY FAILURE MAY WARRANT QUICK REINFORCEMENT OF ALASKA FROM THERE. CONSIDER NEED

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRIORITY
FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

APPROACHES DESPERATION.**3 COPIES F-34****1 COPY CHARTROOM****SEALED ~~SECRET~~**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	P P P ^{PRIORITY} P P P P
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 9, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR	FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT				

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"AIDAC"

YOUR ZERO EIGHT TWENTYTHREE ZERO SEVEN PREFER THAT TASK FORCES ONE AND ELEVEN
 EXERCISE TOGETHER IN AND WESTWARD OF PALMYRA DASH CHRISTMAS AREA FOR A TIME X

THIS SHOULD ENABLE PLANES TO BE SENT TO PALMYRA AND KEEP TASK FORCE ELEVEN IN
 HAND PENDING AVAILABILITY OF TASK FORCES SIXTEEN AND SLANT OR EIGHTEEN

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMINCH <i>Egking</i>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY <i>PPP</i>
RELEASED BY <i>Egking</i>		COMSWPAC FORCE	ROUTINE
DATE APRIL 18, 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

182032

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

WE HAVE TODAY DISCOVERED ERROR IN DECRYPTING A PREVIOUS MESSAGE WHICH REFERRED TO APRIL 21 AS DATE FOR THE NEXT ENEMY OFFENSIVE IN NEW GUINEA AREA X THE CORRECT REFERENCE IS MAY 3 OR 4 X COMANZAC 170626 AND YOUR 142027 AND 172015 X THE CV CONCENTRATION AT TRUK FOR APRIL 28 APPEARS TO CONFIRM MAY 3 OR 4 OR SHORTLY AFTER X MOVEMENT OF STRONG SHORE BASED AIR TO RABAU CURRENTLY UNDERWAY X ASSOCIATION OF PALAO WITH RABAU IN RI DESPATCHES MAY INDICATE USE OF TROOPS FROM NEI OR PHILIPPINES X THESE AND MANY MINOR INDICATIONS POINT TO MORESEY AS OBJECTIVE OF SEABORNE AND POSSIBLY LAND ATTACK FIRST WEEK IN MAY THEREFORE NOW IS THE TIME FOR TASK FORCE 17 TO REPLENISH AND REPAIR POSSIBLY AT NOUMEA IF SUPPLY VESSELS CAN BE GOTTEN THERE TEMPORARILY CMA ALSO SPARE FUEL TANKS SHOULD BE FLOWN DOWN PARA IN ANY CASE WE CAN NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN FLEET FORCES CONTINUOUSLY IN CORAL SEA OR ANY OTHER AREA BUT MUST EMPLOY THEM WHERE SITUATION REQUIRES PARA IN VIEW INDICATED JAP STRENGTH TASK FORCE 17 EVEN WITH FULL SUPPORT BY SOWESTPACFOR AND ALL AIRCRAFT IN AUSTRALIA LACKS THE STRENGTH TO DEAL WITH THE ENEMY X THEREFORE CINCPAC 172035 APPROVED AS TO MOVEMENT OF TASK FORCE 11 TO SOUTHWARD BUT DO NOT NOW WISH TO COMMIT TASK FORCE 1 TO RETURN TO WEST COAST PARA BOTH ADEES CAREFULLY EXAMINE ENTIRE SITUATION AND PROSPECTS AND ADVISE ME AS TO MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION OF FORCES OF ALL CATEGORIES YOU CONSIDER POSSIBLE TO MAKE AGAINST ENEMY NEW GUINEA AREA FIRST PART OF MAY X IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT JAPANESE SURFACE FORCES ARE INVOLVED AND THIS PARTICULARLY SHOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY CHECKED AND ANALYZED PARA SECRECY AS TO YOUR PLANS MUST BE METICULOUSLY PRESERVED PARA LEARY DELIVER TO MAC ARTHUR

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMINCH (RDO SANFRAN)</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PPPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 28 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2254/2152</u>	INFORMATION	COMSOWESPACFOR (PASSED BY CINCPAC) COMINCH ADMIN OFF (RDO WASH)	PPPPPP PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>FIELD/FIELD</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

272058

CCR 11945

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

FROM COMINCH ACTION CINCPAC INFO COMSOWESPACFOR COMINCH ADMIN OFF.
CINCPAC PASS TO COMSOWESPACFOR.

THIS DISPATCH MUST BE HANDLED AS A SEALED SECRET.

MY 182032, CINCPAC 230051. THINK TASKFOR 16 SHOULD PROCEED TOWARDS
CRITICAL AREA AS INDICATED WITH HORNET AIR GROUP AUGMENTED AS PRACTICABLE
IN HAWAII OR FROM YORKTOWN. ALSO CONCUR IN PROPOSED RETURN
OF TASKFOR 17 AND ANY OTHER DISPOSITIONS APPROPRIATE TO KEEPING AT
LEAST EQUIVALENT OF TASKFOR 16 IN SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO SENDING ONE BATDIV PREFERABLY
BATDIV 3 TOWARDS SAME AREA WITH OTHER BBS RETURNING TO WEST COAST
FOR TIME BEING.

NOT ONLY SHOULD VPS AT NOUMEA OR ELSEWHERE IN SAME AREA BE
INCREASED TO 12 BUT TO 18 IF POSSIBLE.

CINCPAC REPLY TO COMSOWESPACFOR 220410 ALSO ADJUST INTERRELATED
SUBMARINE DISPOSITIONS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC</u>		COMTASKFOR 17	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____		COMTASKFOR 13	PRIORITY
DATE <u>1 APRIL 1942</u>		COMTASKFOR 19	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>0914/0828</u>		NAVSTA TUTUILLA SAMOA	DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>CLUNT/BERRY</u>		COMINCH COMANZAC	
PARAPHRASED BY _____			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

TASKFORCE 17 DIRECTED PROCEED BLEACHER FOR REPLENISHMENTS
 AFTER PRESENT OPERATIONS PREPARATORY TO FURTHER OPERATIONS X
 VESSELS HEREAFTER MENTIONED JOIN THAT AREA FOR TASKFORCE
 THERE AND FURNISH APPROPRIATE SERVICES X ORIGINATOR CINCPAC X
 COMTASKFORCE THIRTEEN TOPOFF FROM CUYAMA THEN DISPATCH HER
 WITH ONE DOG DOG AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE X SUMNER REPORT
 PRACTICABILITY CARRIER AIR GROUP USING BLEACHER AIR FIELD
 WHILE SHIPS IN PORT AND MAKE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS X
 COMTASKFORCE 19 PROCEED WITH DOBBIN AND COMDT SAMOA SAIL
 SOLACE TO BLEACHER WHEN COMTASKFORCE 17 SO DIRECTS X FLETCHER
 ISSUE APPROPRIATE ORDERS THOSE TWO SHIPS ALSO TO BRIDGE
 PLATTE TIPPECANOE FOR CONCENTRATING BLEACHER

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMTASKFOR 17 (NERK)	FOR ACTION	COM ANZAC FORCE (ACKNOWLEDGE)	PR PPPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 3 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION	COMINCH CINCPAC	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1843 / 1810			PR PPPPPP
DECODED BY BUSH / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

WILL ATTACK ANY ENEMY SURFACE FORCES SOLOMON AREA HALF HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE AT RABAU APRIL SIXTH. ORIGINATOR COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN ACTION COMANZAC INFO COMINCH CINCPAC. REQUEST YOUR BOMBERS MAKE SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK ON ENEMY SHORE BASED AIR RABAU AND THAT AREA. RADIO SILENCE WILL PRECLUDE INFORMING YOU LOCATION MY TARGET AND DETAILS OF PLAN. PLEASE INSTRUCT TAMBOR. IMMEDIATE INSTEAD OF ROUTINE ENEMY POSITION REPORTS ESSENTIAL COMMENCING APRIL FOURTH. WILL BASE IN CORAL SEA AND OPERATE AGAINST ENEMY IN SOLOMON AREA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADD	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (NPM)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>9 APRIL 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0741/0020</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BERRY/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

CINCPAC TALKING TO COMINCH

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HALSEY DEPARTING PEARL EIGHT APRIL TO JOIN OTHER FORCES NOW
 AT SEA ENROUTE TO CARRY OUT PLANNED OPERATIONS X YOUR
 081235 PARAGRAPH IN VIEW ENEMY ACTIVITY NEW GUINEA SOLOMONS
 AREA HIS COMMITMENTS IN INDIAN OCEAN AND LACK OF INDICATIONS
 OF MOVEMENT TOWARD HAWAII RECOMMEND TASK FORCE ELEVEN WHEN
 READY FOR SEA ABOUT FIFTEEN APRIL PROCEED TO JOIN TASK
 FORCE SEVENTEEN INSTEAD OF OPERATING WITH BATTLESHIPS AS
 PROPOSED MY 232130 X SUCH MOVEMENT WILL PERMIT LEXINGTON
 TRANSPORT TWENTY VICTOR MIKE FOXES TO ROSES REPEAT ROSES
 AND TWELVE TO PALMYRA WHICH WILL OTHERWISE BE DELAYED
 PENDING AVAILABILITY OF CARRIER TO TRANSPORT THEM X WITHDRAWAL
 FLETCHER DEPENDENT UPON DEVELOPMENTS MEANTIME X PROPOSE
 BATTLESHIPS DEPART WEST COAST ABOUT FOURTEEN APRIL TO
 OPERATE WITH DESTROYERS BUT NO AIR COVERAGE IN AREA

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NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	FOR ACTION			PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION			PRIORITY
DECODED BY				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

NORTHWARD HAWAIIAN CHAIN RETURNING PEARL OR WEST COAST
IN EARLY MAY DEPENDENT UPON SITUATION EXISTING AT THAT
TIME X ADVISE IF YOU APPROVE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>CINCPAC (NPM)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 11 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1501/1415</u>	INFORMATION	COMANZAC (VHC)	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>WINTER/FIELD</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

CINCPAC ACTION COMINCH INFO COMANZAC. PART ONE OF FIVE.

YOUR 031905 AND 091705 AND WRITTEN DIRECTIVE JUST RECEIVED.
 PARAGRAPH ONE. ASSUME THAT FLETCHER WHOSE CURRENT OPERATIONS
 ARE IN BOTH SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREAS IS AT PRESENT
 CONTINUING TO RECEIVE HIS INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY FROM YOU WITH
 LEARY FURNISHING HIM INFORMATION AND AIR COOPERATION AND
 CINCPAC LOGISTIC SUPPORT UNTIL YOU ISSUE MODIFYING DIRECTIVE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (RDO HONOLULU)	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (RDO WASH)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE RRRRR DEFERRED
DATE 11 APRIL 42	INFORMATION	COMANZAC (RDO CANBERRA)	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 1019/0925			ROUTINE RRRRR DEFERRED
DECODED BY PORTER/PITKIN			
PARAPHRASED BY _____			

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TEXT			

PART TWO CINCPAC ELEVEN ZERO FIVE THIRTY FIVE X
 COMINCH TAKE ACTION COMANZAC JUST LISTEN XX
 PARAGRAPH TWO CONSIDER INADVISABLE REPEAT INAD-
 VISABLE MAKE FLETCHER TEMPORARY COMMANDER SOUTH
 PACIFIC BECAUSE EXERCISE SUCH COMMAND IS INCOM-
 PATIBLE WITH EFFECTIVELY OPERATING HIS TASKFORCE
 PARTICULARLY AS IT SHOULD BE READY TO COUNTER
 PROSPECTIVE ENEMY MOVES AND COVER ARRIVAL OF
 FORCES NOW ENROUTE ADVANCED BASES

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (RDO HONOLULU)	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (RDO WASH)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RR
DATE 15 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0421 / 0345	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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150105 CCR 9288S

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TEXT			

ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC.

REPORTED PRESENCE ENEMY SUBMARINES AND TENDER RABAU
INDICATES PROBABLE COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH
PACIFIC AREA. CAN MORE DESTROYERS BE MADE AVAILABLE
PACFLT FOR PROBABLE ANTI SUBMARINE OPERATIONS THAT
AREA.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (RDO HONOLULU)	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (RDO WASH)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRRRR
DATE 15 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0641 / 0610			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC.

IN COMMUNICATION TO VICE ADMIRAL BROWN COMMANDER TASK FORCE 11 REAR ADMIRAL CRACE ROYAL NAVY WROTE QUOTE YOU STATE THAT THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNITED STATES FLEET HAS DIRECTED THAT THE SENIOR UNITED STATES NAVAL OFFICER PRESENT SHALL ASSUME COMMAND OF NAVAL FORCES IN THE ANZAC AREA. IN THIS REGARD I HAVE RECEIVED RECENTLY ADMIRALTY MESSAGE TIMED 1342 A OF 25 FEBRUARY 1942 WHICH STATES QUOTE IT HAS BEEN AGREED WITH UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES THAT IN THE EVENT OF HIS MAJESTYS SHIPS AND UNITED STATES WARSHIPS REQUIRING TO COOPERATE TACTICALLY AGAINST ENEMY, COMMAND WILL BE EXERCISED BY THAT OFFICER OF EITHER POWER WHO IS SENIOR IN RANK, OR WHERE RANKS OF BOTH OFFICERS ARE EQUAL, BY OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN LONGEST IN RANK UNQUOTE THIS AGREED PROCEDURE DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNITED STATES FLEET UNQUOTE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM _____	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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150411 CCR 9301S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

LATER ADMIRAL GRACE ACCDED TO THE ABOVE AND TO FLETCHERS,
HIS JUNIOR, COMMANDING THE FORCE. CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL
THAT TASK FORCES INVOLVING CARRIER REMAIN UNDER UNITED
STATES FLAG OFFICER. IN ORDER THAT NO QUESTION OF COM-
MAND MAY ARISE REQUEST READ GRACE BE SO INFORMED.
COMTASKFOR 11INFORMED.

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FROM <u>COMANZAC FORCE</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	OP OP
RELEASED BY _____			PRIORITY
DATE <u>APRIL 17 1942</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODER ROOM <u>0838/0824</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH	OP OP
DECODED BY <u>BELL.BELL.</u>			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY _____			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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170626 CCR 9620AS

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ORIGINATOR	FILL IN-DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT				

THIS IS FROM GENERAL MACARTHUR. RECENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SHOW INCREASED AIR FORCES BEING MOVED RABAU AND INDICATIONS ENEMY ACTION BEFORE END OF MONTH X I AM CONCERNED THAT TASKFORCE USUALLY OPERATING CORAL SEA AREA BEING WITHDRAWN TO BLEACHER X CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT ONE TASKFORCE BE MAINTAINED THAT AREA AT ALL TIMES TO CHECK FURTHER ENEMY ADVANCE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMANZAC	PRIORITY RRPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 18 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0043 / 0015	INFORMATION	COMINCH COMTASKFOR 17	PRIORITY RRPPPP
DECODED BY BUSBY / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

172015 CCR 9715 S

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TEXT

FROM CINCPAC ACTION COMANZAC INFO COMINCH COMTASKFORCE 17.

FOR GENERAL MACARTHUR YOUR 170626 TASK FORCE 17 HAS BEEN AT SEA OVER TWO MONTHS. ITS FIGHTING AIRCRAFT FAST BEING GROUNDED FOR LEAKY FUEL TANKS. PLANNED UPKEEP ESSENTIAL TO REHABILITATE FIGHTING PLANES. STRONGLY AGREE DESIRABILITY MAINTAINING FORCE IN CORAL SEA AND WILL ENDEAVOR TO DO SO. BELIEVE PERSISTENT COURAGEOUS ATTACKS BY YOUR AIRCRAFT HAVE DELAYED ENEMY OFFENSIVE AND THAT FLETCHER WILL RETURN TO AREA IN TIME TO OPPOSE ADVANCE INVOLVING SURFACE FORCES.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRECEDENCE
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 17 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 2248 / 2213			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BUSBY / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

172035 CCR 96998

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

INDICATIONS CRUISER CARRIER CONCENTRATION TRUK RABAU
 AREA ABOUT END OF MONTH. COMANZAC 170626. MY 172015.
 IT IS MY STRONG CONVICTION THAT ENEMY ADVANCE SHOULD
 BE OPPOSED BY FORCE CONTAINING NOT LESS THAN TWO CARRIERS.
 AGAIN RECOMMEND THAT FITCH PROCEED CORAL SEA WHERE FLETCHER
 WILL JOIN HIM AFTER UPKEEP. IF APPROVED WILL DIRECT GYE
 EXERCISE EAST PALMYRA CHRISTMAS LINE THEN RETURN SAN
 FRANCISCO.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			PPPP ROUTINE
DATE APRIL 19 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0608/0540	INFORMATION	COM SW PACFOR	PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELL BELL			PPP ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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190457 CCR 9929AS

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

YOUR 182032 TASKFORCE 17 ARRIVES BLEACHER TOMORROW
 ADD SERVICE FORCE DETACHMENT IS ASSEMBLED THERE IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH MY 142027 X DELIVERY FUEL TANKS
 ARRANGED FOR THAT PLACE X CONSIDER IMPRACTICABLE TO
 CHANGE BASE FOR UPKEEP AND THAT DEPARTURE BLEACHED
 ON 27 APRIL FOR CORAL SEA CONFORMS TO PRESENT REQUIRE-
 MENTS OF THE SITUATION AS PRESENTED IN YOUR 2032 OF
 THE 18TH.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (TEXT)	FOR ACTION	CTF 11 CTF 1	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE APRIL 19 1942	INFORMATION	COM SW PACFOR COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0630/0607			PPPP PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELL.BELL.			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

190535 CCR 9934AS

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TEXT			

CINCPAC ORIGINATOR.

MY 110335 MOKIDIED X TASKFORCE ONE REMAIN TO EASTWARD
OF PALMYRA-CHRISTMAS AREA X TASKFORCE 11 PROCEED AT
ECONOMICAL SPEED TOWARD LATITUDE 12-45S LONGITUDE 180.
FURTHER ORDERS LATER.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC (NERK)	FOR ACTION	COMTASKFOR 11	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COMTASKFOR 7	RRRRRRR
DATE 20 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION	COM SW PAC FOR	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0209 / 2327		COM TASKFOR 1	PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH		COMINCH	RRRRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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192109 CCR 10058 S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT CINCPAC SENT THIS.			

MODIFY MYDIS 190535 NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

**TASKFORCE 11 PROCEED SO AS TO ARRIVE AT POINT ACORN
 LATITUDE 11-45 SOUTH LONGITUDE 178-37 WEST AT ZERO HOURS
 ZED 25 APRIL. THENCE PROCEED BY ROUTE SOUTH OF ROSES TO
 AREA NORTHWEST OF POBBY WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH FLETCHER
 WILL BE ARRANGED. COMTASKFOR 17 DIRECT KASKASKIA AFTER
 FUELING HIS FORCE TO DEPART BLEACHER WITH ONE DESTROYER
 ESCORT AND JOIN FITCH AT POINT ACORN. DIRECTIVE FOR
 COMBINED OPERATIONS TASK FORCES 11 AND 17 FOLLOWS.**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	CINCPAC (NISA)	FOR ACTION	CTF 11 CTG 17.19 CTF 17	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	22 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	0704/0623	INFORMATION	CTF 1 COMINCH COMSWPACFOR	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	BERRY/BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

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TEXT

FROM CINCPAC

INSTRUCTIONS HEREIN MODIFY MY 192109 X 150653 AND
 142027 X TASK FORCES 11 AND 17 RENDEZVOUS AT POINT
 BUTTERNUT LATITUDE 16-00 SOUTH LONGITUDE 161-45 EAST
 0200 ZED SLANT ONE MAY X TASKFOR 11 FUEL FROM KASKASKIA
 AS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTED THEN SEND KASKASKIA UNDER ESCORT
 TO PEARL VIA ROUTE EAST OF PHOENIX GROUP AND 100 MILES
 WEST OF PALMYRA X TASKFOR 17 DEPART BLEACHER IN TIME
 TO MEET NEOSHO MCCALL AT POINT CASHEW LATITUDE 20-20
 SOUTH LONGITUDE 179-15 EAST AT 0000 ZED SLANT TWO EIGHT
 APRIL THENCE TO PRESCRIBED RENDEZVOUS WITH TASKFOR 11 X
 NEOSHO MCCALL CANCEL UNCOMPLETED PORTION PREVIOUS
 ORDERS PROCEED FROM PRESENT POSITION VIA ROUTE WEST OF
 SAVAITT ISLAND TO POINT CASHEW FOR JUNCTION WITH TASK
 FORCE 17 X NEOSHO THEN PROCEED IN COMPANY WITH OVTAS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM _____	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

DIRECTED BY COMTASKFOR 17 X MCCALL RETURN TO PEARL
 STOPPING SUVA AND TUTUILA FOR MAIL AND PASSENGERS WITHIN
 THEIR CAPACITY X ON CONCENTRATING AT BUTTERNUT
 TASKFORCES 11 AND 17 REORGANIZE AS SINGLE FORCE UNDER
 COMMAND REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER X AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY
 WITHOUT BREAKING RADIO SILENCE FURNISH ME YOUR NEW
 TASK ORGANIZATION X TASK ASSIGNMENTS FOR COMBINED FORCE
 BY SEPARATE DESPATCH TO COMTASKFOR 17

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC</u>	FOR ACTION	CTF 17	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>22 APRIL 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM <u>0849/0718</u>	INFORMATION	CTF 11 COMSWPACFOR COMINCH CTF 1	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>GLUNT/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

220541 CCR 84S

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AN ENEMY OFFENSIVE IN NEW GUINEA DASH SOLOMON AREA IS AT PRESENT INDICATED FOR FIRST WEEK OF MAY PROBABLE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE MORESBY X MAY EVENTUALLY INCLUDE THREE OR FOUR CARRIERS ABOUT EIGHTY HEAVY BOMBERS AND SAME NUMBER OF FIGHTERS AT NEW GUINEA AND NEW BRITAIN AIR BASES X YOUR TASK ASSIST IN CHECKING FURTHER ADVANCE BY ENEMY IN ABOVE AREA BY SEIZING FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO DESTROY SHIPS SHIPPING AND AIRCRAFT X CINCPAC WILL ARRANGE COORDINATION OF SOUWESTPACFOR AND WILL KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED X PARA X COMSOUWESTPAC IS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE PRESENT DISSEMINATION INTELLIGENCE THAT AREA, TO KEEP MACARTHUR INFORMED OF PACFLT PLANS AND OPERATIONS AND TO INFORM ME PLANS FOR HIS FORCES ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH CAN SUPPORT FLEET FORCES X PARA X REENFORCEMENT FOR TASKFOR 17 AT LATER DATE UNDER CONSIDERATION

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM CINCPAC (NERK)

FOR ACTION

COMINCH

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

DATE 23 APRIL 1942

INFORMATION

TOR CODEROOM 0334/0335

COMSWPACFOR

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DECODED BY FINKELDEY/GLUNT

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

(AIDAC)

FROM CINCPAC

FOLLOWING AVAILABLE YOUR 182032 X TASKFORCES 17 AND 11
 COMPRISING TWO CV'S X FIVE CA'S X 13 DDS AND THREE AO'S
 MY 220345 AND 220541 X IN ADDITION CAN BE AVAILABLE IN AREA
 ABOUT 13 MAY TASKFORCE 16 COMPRISING TWO CV'S FOUR CRUISERS
 EIGHT DDS AND TWO AO'S X CAN PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR
 ABOVE FORCES UNTIL ONE JUNE BUT CONSIDER FLETCHER SHOULD
 START NORTH BY 15 MAY IF POSSIBLE X BETWEEN BOBCAT AND
 SOUTHWEST PAC AREA BUT ENGAGED IN ESCORTING ONE CA ONE CL
 ONE OCL SEVERAL DESTROYERS X AIRCRAFT X ARMY BOMBERS HERE
 ONLY 29 ENTIRELY INADEQUATE FOR HAWAIIAN DEFENSE X VP AT
 NOUMEA CAN BE INCREASED TO TWELVE ABOUT ONE MAY X SUBMARINES
 X IN VIEW COMSOUTHPAC 220410 BELIEVE PACFLT SUBS SHOULD
 REMAIN CLEAR NORTH BOUNDARY SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA X ONE WILL
 BE OFF RABAU UNTIL ONE MAY X ONE IS ENROUTE TRUK X THREE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM _____	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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TEXT

DEPARTURES HERE BETWEEN 20 APRIL AND ONE MAY FOR SOUTHWEST EXCHANGE X EACH SCHEDULED FOR SHORT PATROL ON TRUK-RABAU LINE WHICH CAN BE INCREASED BY ELIMINATING RECONNAISSANCE ENROUTE X TWO OTHERS AVAILABLE 30 APRIL X EXPEDITIONARY TROOPS X NONE READY IN TIME X BATTLESHIPS X AGAIN RECOMMEND THAT TASK FORCE ONE RETURN TO COAST AFTER REMAINING SUFFICIENTLY LONG AT SEA TO HAVE EFFECT ON ENEMY DISPOSITIONS X RECOMMENDED DATE OF ARRIVAL COAST TWO MAY X CONSIDERATIONS FAVORING ARE

(A) ITS OPERATION IN SOUTHWEST INADVISABLE AS SUFFICIENT AIR AND SUBMARINE PROTECTION NOT AVAILABLE FOR BATTLESHIPS UNLESS WITHDRAWN FROM PRESENT CARRIER TASK FORCES X BESIDES THUS WEAKENING STRIKING POWER OF THESE FORCES BATTLESHIPS WOULD RESTRICT THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION DUE TO SLOW SPEED X

(B) OPERATION THERE WOULD PUT STRAIN ON LOGISTICS FOR WHICH

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
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DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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WE ARE NOT PREPARED X

(C) BASING AT PEARL WOULD RESULT FUEL WITHDRAWAL FROM A
SUPPLY ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO HOLD LEVEL X(D) HARBOR WOULD BE CONGESTED ESPECIALLY AT TIME WHEN ENEMY
MAY ATTEMPT REPRISAL ATTACK.**SEALED ~~SECRET~~**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMSOUWESPAC</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>25 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0358/0354</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>FINKELDEY/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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CCR 854S

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MACARTHUR DESPATCH OF TWENTY FOUR APRIL ADDRESSED MARSHALL
SUBJECT CARRIER WAS SENT WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH ME
AND DOES NOT REPRESENT MY VIEWS

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC(NYCO)		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 29 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0247/0205			PRIORITY
DECODED BY EDWARDS/EDWARDS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

282047 CCR 1352S

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

(AIDAC)

PART ONE FROM CINCPAC XX FURTHER CONSIDERATION INDICATES THAT BATTLESHIPS SHOULD RETURN COAST X YOUR TWENTYSEVEN TWO ZERO FIVE EIGHT X DESTROYER SHORTAGE PREVIOUSLY SERIOUS NOW ACCENTUATED BY TRANSFER SQUADRON TO SOUTHWEST-PACFOR AND UNAVOIDABLE DELAY IN USEFUL EMPLOYMENT THOSE TO BE RECEIVED IN RETURN X ONLY SHIP DESRON TWELVE WHICH HAS REPORTED IS NOT YET READY FOR COMBAT SERVICE X WHEN DESTROYERS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE X TENTATIVE DATE ARRIVAL BATTLESHIPS ON COAST TEN MAY X REQUEST APPROVAL X PART TWO FOLLOWS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM <u>CINCPAC (NERK)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>29 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMSOUWESPACFOR	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0201/0141</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>CLUNT/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

282223 CCR 1351S

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THIS IS SECOND PART OF MY (CINCPACS) 282047 X HALSEY
 LEAVES THURSDAY X YOUR 272058 X HORNET AIR GROUP COMPLETE
 WITHOUT AUGMENTATION FROM YORKTOWN X VICTOR PREPS AT
 NOUMEA WILL BE INCREASED TO TWELVE BY THIRTIETH AND
 AFIRM VICTOR DOG WILL BE SENT SHORTLY TO REPORT TANGIER X
 NO ADDITIONAL VICTOR PREPS AT PRESENT X ACCORDING
 LATEST REPORT FIELD AT ROSES NOT SATISFACTORY X MARINE
 FIGHTRON WILL PROCEED IN ENTERPRISE AND BASE TEMPORARILY
 NEW CALEDONIA IF NECESSARY UNTIL ROSES FIELD READY X
 COMSOUWESPACFOR HAS PARTS ONE AND TWO OF THIS DESPATCH X

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	<i>E. J. King</i>	CINCPAC	P P P P P P P P
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>JANUARY 29, 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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CINC CIPHER--AIDAC

DECISION REACHED OCCUPY FUNAFUTI CODE NAME QUOTE FETLOCK UNQUOTE AS SOON AS
ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL CAN BE COLLECTED HERE X SEE MY NINETEEN

EIGHTEEN FIFTEEN AND COMMENT ON FORCE YOU CAN ALLOCATE FOR PURPOSE MENTIONED

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMINCH		CINCPAC	P P P P P P P P
RELEASED BY ADMIRAL KING			ROUTINE
DATE FEBRUARY 5, 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	TOD NAVCOM 1639		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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CINC CIPHER - AIDAC

CONTINUOUS STUDY OF GENERAL PACIFIC SITUATION IMPELS ME TO THE CONVICTION PAREN WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY DEMANDS FROM AUSTRALIA AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PAREN THAT

WE MUST USE MAXIMUM FORCES AVAILABLE IN AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS TO RELIEVE PRESSURE IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PARA THIS RELIEF CAN BE EFFECTED EITHER INDIRECTLY BY SUITABLE

OPERATIONS IN YOUR AREA OR DIRECTLY BY SENDING REINFORCEMENTS TO ANZAC AND SLANT OR ABDA AREA PARA IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SUCH AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS SHOULD MARKEDLY

REDUCE NEED FOR ESCORT OPERATIONS IN EASTERN PACIFIC PARA LET ME HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER INCLUDING GENERAL PROPOSALS FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION IN YOUR AREA

IN WHICH CONSIDERATION OF ORIGINAL TASK INVOLVING USE OF BATTLESHIPS SHOULD APPEAR

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	P P P R O T P P P P
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL WELSON</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>FEBRUARY 9, 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

092245 CCR 108A

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CINC CIPHER - AIDAC

YOUR ZERO EIGHT ZERO TWO THIRTYNINE PACIFIC FLEET NOT REPEAT NOT MARKEDLY INFERIOR
IN ALL TYPES TO FORCES ENEMY CAN BRING TO BEAR WITHIN OPERATING RADIUS OF HAWAII

WHILE HE IS COMMITTED TO EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PARA YOUR FORCES
WILL HOWEVER BE MARKEDLY INFERIOR FROM AUSTRALIA TO ALASKA WHEN THE ENEMY HAS GAINED

OBJECTIVES IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC UNLESS EVERY EFFORT IS CONTINUOUSLY MADE TO DAMAGE
HIS SHIPS AND BASES PARA ACTION BY YOU TOWARDS AND IN MANDATES WILL OF ITSELF COVER

AND PROTECT MIDWAY DASH HAWAII LINE WHILE AFFORDING BADLY NEEDED RELIEF OF PRESSURE
IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PARA CANNOT READILY ACCEPT USE OF BATTLESHIPS FOR ESCORTING

CONVOYS AS SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE IT IS PASSIVE IN CHARACTER PARA FEEL ALSO
THAT GREATER USE OF AIR UNITS IN SUPPORT OF TASKFOR ELEVEN IS CLEARLY INDICATED

RATHER THAN LOCAL PASSIVE DEFENSE IN HAWAII PARA REVIEW SITUATION ON ABOVE PREMISES
AND CONSIDER ACTIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST MANDATES AND WAKE FROM NORTHWARD AND EASTWARD

OR OTHERWISE VARY PATTERN OF OPERATIONS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER **P-1**EXTENSION NUMBER **2992**

ADDRESSEES

PRECEDENCE

FROM **COMINCH**

FOR ACTION

COMANZAC FORCEPRIORITY **URGENT**

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DATE **February 12, 1942.**

DEFERRED

TOR CODEROOM

INFORMATION

**CINCPAC
COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC)**

PRIORITY

DECODED BY

ROUTINE

PARAPHRASED

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INDICATE RISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT YOU SHOULD JOIN YOUR FLAGSHIP AND TAKE DIRECT COMMAND OF PRESENT OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY X PENDING YOUR ARRIVAL INSTRUCT BROWN TO

COORDINATE OPERATIONS OF TASK FORCE ELEVEN AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON AND ALL COOPERATING AIRCRAFT XX YOUR 090232 Z AND THE PLAN APPARENTLY ADOPTED

BY BROWN INDICATE PRESENT OPERATIONS ARE RESTRICTED TO DEFENSIVE COVER IN LIMITED AREA X I MUST POINT OUT THAT EMPLOYING SUCCESSIVE OPERATIONS

OF THE SAME PATTERN IN THE SAME AREA EXTENDING OVER CONSIDERABLE PERIODS WILL INCUR UNNECESSARY RISKS AND OMIT ESSENTIAL OFFENSIVE

ACTION X WHILE I DO NOT SUGGEST HASTY MOVES BEFORE CONCENTRATION OF THE ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT NOW EN ROUTE TO YOU MY 062352 IS TO BE

INTERPRETED AS REQUIRING A STRONG AND COMPREHENSIVE OFFENSIVE TO BE LAUNCHED SOON AGAINST EXPOSED ENEMY NAVAL FORCES AND THE POSITIONS

HE IS NOW ESTABLISHING IN THE BISMARCKS AND SOLOMONS X YOU SHOULD OPERATE AIR AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FROM BASES EITHER IN THE ISLANDS OR

ON THE CONTINENT X REQUEST COOPERATION FROM MAJOR GENERAL BARNES IN THE EVENT YOUR AIRCRAFT BASE ON CONTINENT X CINCPAC PASS TO ADMINIS-

TRATIVE OFFICE OF COMANZAC ON CHICAGO XX IN VIEW OF EXTENDED DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF ARMY TROOPS IN NEW CALEDONIA IT SEEMS PROBABLE TASK FORCE

ELEVEN WILL REMAIN ANZAC AREA FOR SOME WEEKS WITH CORRESPONDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUING OFFENSIVE ACTION X CINCPAC ARRANGE ADEQUATE LOGISTIC SUPPORT INCLUDING AMMUNITION REPLACEMENTS BOTH ARMY AND NAVY

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC COMANZAC	OP OP OP OP OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>FEBRUARY 14, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC) OPNAV (BY HAND TO C.E.O.)	OP OP OP OP OP PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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FLAG OFFICERS' CIPHER - AIDAC

COMANZAC FOURTEEN ZERO THREE FORTYFOUR DIRECT VICE ADMIRAL BROWN COMMANDING PACIFIC FLEET TASK FORCE ELEVEN TAKE IMMEDIATE CHARGE ALL NAVAL OPERATIONS NORTHERN ANZAC

AREA PREMISED ON MY ZERO SIX TWENTYTHREE FIFTYTWO THIS TO INCLUDE AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON WHICH WILL BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE ORDERS BY COMANZAC FORCE AT ONCE PARA VICE ADMIRAL

BROWN TAKE NOTE NOT ONLY OF MY ZERO SIX TWENTYTHREE FIFTY TWO BUT ALSO MY TWELVE TWENTYTWO HUNDRED PARA COMANZAC CONTINUE TO PRESS AIR COOPERATION PARA CINCPAC KEEP

BROWN FULLY INFORMED AS TO AMERICAN AIR SUPPORT AND ENEMY INTELLIGENCE

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	OP OP OP OP OP OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>February 15, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CINC CIPHER -- AIDAC

MY THIRTY SEVENTEEN FORTY DECEMBER IS TO BE CONSIDERED AMPLIFIED BY MY ZERO NINE TWENTYTWO FORTYFIVE FEBRUARY IN THAT OCCASIONAL ATTACKS ON MANDATES ARE QUOTE COVER

UNQUOTE FOR THE HAWAII DASH MIDWAY LINE AND THAT OPERATIONS IN THE AREA WEST AND NORTHWEST OF FIJI AND SAMOA ARE QUOTE COVER UNQUOTE FOR THE HAWAII DASH SAMOA DASH

FIJI LINE PARA WHILE OUR RETENTION OF HAWAIIAN ISLANDS REMAINS HIGHEST PRIORITY ACTUAL OPERATIONS OF PACIFIC FLEET MUST TO LARGE EXTENT BE PREMISED ON RELATIVE LOCATION OF

ACTUAL THREATS CREATED BY ENEMY OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS X WITH HIS PRESENT COMMITMENTS IN FAR EAST ENEMY MAJOR OPERATIONS TO SEIZE OAHU NOW APPEARS IMPRACTICABLE X CURRENT

OPERATIONS OF PACIFIC FLEET BECAUSE OF EXISTING THREAT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD PREVENTING FURTHER ADVANCE OF ENEMY LAND AIRPLANE BASE DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIRECTION

OF SUVA AND NOUMEA AND TO DIVERSION AND DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES BY OCCASIONAL RAIDS ON MANDATE ISLANDS PARA YOUR TWELVE ZERO THREE ZERO SEVEN AND THIRTEEN ZERO

FOUR ZERO FIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS APPEAR TO MAKE IT ADVISABLE THAT EITHER HALSEY OR FLETCHER SHOULD PROCEED TOWARDS CENTRAL POSITION INDICATED

BY CANTON ISLAND AREA AND THENCE AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	P P PRIORITY P P P P
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MARCH 19, 1942.</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
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PROBABLE ENEMY PRESSURE ON BRITISH IN INDIAN OCEAN DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS UNTIL THEY CAN GET SET REQUIRES APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY ON OUR PART TO HOLD ENEMY NAVAL FORCES IN

PACIFIC PARA COMMENT ON OPERATING SUITABLE FORCE INCLUDING AVAILABLE BATTLESHIPS BASED ON PEARL FOR ESSENTIAL FORCE EXERCISES FOLLOWED BY APPROPRIATE OPERATIONS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	P P P P P P P P P P
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u> <i>R. Edwards</i>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MARCH 27, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CINC CIPHER

YOUR TWENTYTHREE TWENTYONE THIRTY MAILGRAM PARA [NOT CONTEMPLATED THAT BBS SHOULD COVER HALSEY IN CURRENT EXPEDITION PARA YOUR PROPOSAL THAT BBS PROCEED WESTWARD

AND BE JOINED BY TASK FORCE ELEVEN WHEN HALSEY NEARS OBJECTIVE APPROVED PARA I WILL ALLOW FLETCHER DUE TIME FOR UPKEEP BUT NOT REPEAT NOT AT SYDNEY WHICH ~~WILL~~ *WOULD*

INSPIRE POLITICAL DEMANDS TO KEEP HIM IN AUSTRALIAN WATERS BUT AT BLEACHER WHERE YOUR SERVICE FORCE DETACHMENT SHOULD SUFFICE OR ALTERNATIVELY AT AUCKLAND]

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FROM <u>COMINCH</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL EDWARDS</u>			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MARCH 28, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1728 / 1805</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>CANNING / CANNING</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

281645 CCR 1190S

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BATAAN URGENTLY NEEDS MEDICAL SUPPLIES ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TONS BY VOLUME FORTY TONS BY WEIGHT WHICH WAR DEPARTMENT IS MAKING AVAILABLE HONOLULU FORTHWITH. EMMONS BEING ADVISED AS TO DETAILS. SHIP VIA SUBMARINE TO CORREGIDOR AS SOON AS MATERIAL IS READY. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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FROM: FT MILLS P I

TO: THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

NO. 72 JANUARY SEVENTEENTH

THE FOOD SITUATION HERE IS BECOMING SERIOUS STOP
FOR SOME TIME I HAVE BEEN ON HALF RATIONS AND THE

RESULT WILL SOON BECOME EVIDENT IN THE EXHAUSTED
CONDITION OF THE MEN STOP THE LIMITED GEOGRAPHICAL

AREA WHICH I OCCUPY OFFERS NO FOOD RESOURCES STOP
I AM ENTIRELY DEPENDENT UPON A LINE OF SEA COMMUNICA-

TIONS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHICH HAS NOT BEEN UNDER
MY CONTROL STOP IN MY RADIO NINE OF JANUARY FOUR I

ASKED FOR BLOCKADE RUNNING SHIPS STOP NO REPLY HAS BEEN
RECEIVED EXCEPT TO THAT FEATURE DEALING WITH A SUBMARINE

CARRYING ANTIAIRCRAFT AMMUNITION STOP THE STRATEGIC
PROBLEM INVOLVING AN ADVANCE FROM THE SOUTH WILL NOT

RELIEVE THE FOOD SITUATION HERE IN TIME STOP THE RATIONS
NECESSARY TO SUPPLY THIS COMMAND MEASURED IN SHIPS CAPA-

CITY ARE SMALL INDEED STOP MANY MEDIUM SIZED OR SMALL
SHIPS SHOULD BE LOADED WITH RATIONS AND DISPATCHED ALONG

VARIOUS ROUTES STOP THE ENEMY BOMBER FORMATIONS ARE NO
LONGER HERE BUT HAVE MOVED SOUTH STOP UNQUESTIONABLY

SHIPS CAN GET THROUGH BUT NO ATTEMPT YET SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN MADE ALONG THIS LINE STOP THIS SEEMS INCREDIBLE TO

ME AND I AM HAVING INCREASING DIFFICULTY IN APPEASING
PHILIPPINE THOUGHT ALONG THIS LINE STOP THEY CANNOT

UNDERSTAND THE APPARENT LACK OF EFFORT TO BRING SOMETHING
IN STOP I CANNOT OVER EMPHASIZE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL

REACTION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE HERE UNLESS SOMETHING
TANGIBLE IS DONE IN THIS DIRECTION STOP A REVULSION

EXACT INFORMATION COPY FOR ADMIRAL EDWARDS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. FLEET.

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OF FEELING OF TREMENDOUS PROPORTIONS AGAINST AMERICA CAN BE
EXPECTED STOP THEY CAN UNDERSTAND FAILAURE BUT CANNOT UNDER-
STAND WHY NO ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE AT RELIEF THROUGH THE
FORWARDING OF SUPPLIES STOP THEY CONTRAST THE LACK OF EFFORT
HERE TO THE CONCENTRATED AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS AGAINST A
STRONGER BLOCKADE LINE IN THE ATLANTIC STOP THIS REACTION
MAY EVENTUALLY APPEAR AMONG THE TROOPS STOP HUNGRY MEN ARE
HARD TO HANDLE STOP RECOMMEND THAT THE QUESTION BE IMMEDIATELY
TAKEN WITH GENERAL WAVELL AND THAT SIMULTANEOUS EFFORTS BE MADE
FROM THE N E I AND THE UNITED STATES TO GET IN THE SMALL AMOUNT
OF FOOD THAT WOULD SEE ME THROUGH STOP THE REPEATED STATEMENTS
FROM THE UNITED STATES THAT HITLER IS TO BE DESTROYED BEFORE AN
EFFORT IS MADE HERE IS CAUSING DISMAY STOP THE JAPANESE FORCES
DASH AIR COMMA LAND AND GROUND DASH ARE MUCH OVEREXTENDED STOP
HIS SUCCESS TO DATE DOES NOT MEASURE HIS OWN STRENGTH BUT THE
WEAKNESS OF HIS OPPOSITION STOP A BLOW OR EVEN A THREATENED
BLOW AGAINST HIM WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ATTENDED WITH SOME
SUCCESS STOP I AM PROFESSIONALLY CERTAIN THAT HIS SO CALLED
BLOCKADE CAN EASILY BE PIERDED STOP THE ONLY THING THAT CAN
MAKE IT REALLY EFFECTIVE IS OUR OWN PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE OF IT
AS A FACT STOP I REPEAT THAT IF SOMETHING IS NOT DONE TO MEET
THE GENERAL SITUATION WHICH IS DEVELOPING THE DISASTROUS
RESULTS WILL BE MONUMENTAL STOP THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED CANNOT
BE MEASURED OR SOLVED BY MERE ARMY AND NAVY STRATEGIC FORMULAS
STOP THEY INVOLVE THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF THE ENTIRE ORIENTAL
PROBLEM

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE FEB 8, 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0549 / 0500	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY COWDEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY COWDEN			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

PACIFIC FLEET MARKEDLY INFERIOR IN ALLTYPES TO ENEMY.
CANNOT CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE ACTION PACIFIC AREA EXCEPT
RAIDS OF HIT AND RUN CHARACTER WHICH ARE UNLIKELY TO

RELIEVE PRESSURE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. LOGISTIC PROBLEMS
FAR SURPASS PEACETIME CONCEPTION AND ALWAYS PRECARIOUS
DUE TO FUELING AT SEA AND DEPENDENCE UPON WEATHER.

YOUR 051555. 061523. 062532. OFFENSIVE EMPLOYMENT
BATTLESHIPS DOES NOT FIT IN WITH HIT AND RUN OPERATIONS
AND THEIR INDEPENDENT OR SUPPORTING USE PRECLUDED BY LACK

AIR COVERAGE AND ANTISUBMARINE PROTECTION. SUCH EMPLOY-
MENT CONSIDERED INADVISABLE AT PRESENT. CONTINUED
OPERATION OF ONE OR MORE PACIFIC FLEET TASK FORCES IN

ANZAC AREA WILL INVOLVE DEPENDENCE UPON LOGISTIC SUPPORT
FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WHICH SUPPORT APPEARS
LIMITED. SITUATION OUTLINED OPNAV 160115 DECEMBER AND

COMINCH DIRECTIVE 301740 DEC INHIBIT UNDUE WEAKENING
THIS FLEET WITHOUT SERIOUS HAZARD TO OUR POSITION IN
CENTRAL PACIFIC; UNLESS THIS FLEET IS STRENGTHENED

BY STRONG ADDITIONS PARTICULARLY IN AIRCRAFT LIGHT FORCES
CARRIERS AND FAST FLEET TANKERS ITS EFFECTIVENESS FOR
OFFENSIVE ACTION IS LIMITED.

TASK FORCE 11 PROCEEDING AND WILL BE AUGMENTED BY
SURFACE FORCES AS DIRECTED. SIX PATROL PLANES AND CUR-
TISS PROCEEDING SUVA. SITUATION HAWAII STILL SUBSTAN-

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TEXT

TIALLY AS OUTLINED OPNAV 170115 DECEMBER HENCE CONSIDER
RETENTION ARMY BOMBERS HERE VITAL NECESSITY. TASK
FORCES 8 AND 17 REFUELING REPAIRING PREPARATORY

FOR SEA IN ABOUT 5 DAYS. TASKS TENTATIVELY ONE FORCE
PROJECTED TOWARD SUVA OTHER IN RESERVE PEARL.

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FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 12 FEB. 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0729/0816	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BLUNT			DEFERRED

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120459 CCR1498

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TEXT			

CONCUR IN GENERAL YOUR 092245 X AIR SUPPORT TASKFORCE ELEVEN
 NOW SIX VICTOR PREP AND TWELVE BAKER SEVENTEENS X USE OF BB
 REPEAT BB IN SUPPORT OF RAIDS WHERE STRONG ENEMY FORCES ARE
 LIKELY TO BE ENCOUNTERED IS UNDER CONSIDERATION X AFTER CARE-
 FUL REVIEW OF SITUATION NOW INTEND TO EMPLOY TASK FORCES EIGHT
 AND SEVENTEEN IN CORRDINATED RAIDS ON WAKE AND THE NORTHERN
MARSHALLS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

"AIDAC" NAVY DEPART. NT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMTASKFOR 11</u>	FOR ACTION	COMANZAC FOR	OP ^{PRIORITY} OP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>FEB 14 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0129/0013</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH CINCPAC	OP ^{PRIORITY} OP
DECODED BY <u>COWDEN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>COWDEN</u>			DEFERRED

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140022 CCR 1695

"AIDAC"

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TEXT COMINCH 122200 AND YOUR 1101/12 ARRIVED YESTERDAY POINT PEACH REPEAT PEACH LAT. 16-58 SOUTH LONG. 172-35 EAST

WHICH IS ALSO RENDEZVOUS WITH TASS GROUP 11.8 AT 00002/17. FUELING TODAY AND TOMORROW. UPON COMPLETION WILL BE

FOURTEEN THOUSAND BARRELS SHORT OF NINETYFIVE PERCENT CAPACITY. OFFICERS MY STAFF WITH COPY ? FOR YOU MY

TASK FORCE ORDER ARE AT NANDI AND SUVA TODAY FOR NECESSARY INFORMATION AND TO COORDINATE SEARCH ALL PLANES

BASED THERE. MY INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN TO OPERATE NORTH WEST PEACH AREA SEARCHING WITH CARRIER PLANES TOWARDS

SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS AND AREAS BEYOND 600 MILE SEARCH FROM SUVA. IN ABSENCE PREDICTED JAPANESE MOVE TO SOUTHEAST

RECOMMEND COORDINATED ATTACK ON RABAUl OPERATING ALL AVAILABLE SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT INCLUDING BAKER SEVENTEEN

BOMBERS AND PATROL PLANES FROM CONTINENT. ADEQUATE FUEL SUPPLY A GOVERNING CONSIDERATION IN OPERATIONS THIS TASK

FORCE FOR THE PRESENT. WILL REQUIRE SIXTY THOUSAND BARRELS EVERY SEVEN DAYS. CINCPAC REQUESTED ORDER KASK-

ASKIA PROCEED DIRECT SUVA INSTEAD OF DELIVERING CARGO AT SAMOA ON 25TH. (FROM OTF 11. FOR ACTION COMANZAC FOR. FOR INFO COMINCH AND CINCPAC)

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FROM COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC)	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	URGENT
RELEASED BY			URGENT
DATE 16 FEB. 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0152/0203			ROUTINE
DECODED BY GERRY			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY GLUNT			

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152225 CCR 1877

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TEXT

AIDAC (PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

**PRESENT INTENTION PROCEED TOWARD RABAU PASSING EASTWARD
SANTACRUX ISLANDS AND TO DELIVER ATTACK ON RABAU FROM**

**NORTHEAST AT DAYLIGHT TWENTYONE FEBRUARY X FLAG OFFICER
COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON DIRECTED TO ABI IN SUPPORT**

**AND TO GIVE SAGE CONDUCT TO PLATTE TO APPOINTED RENDEZVOUS
AFTER ATTACK X ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE CINCPAC HOLD KASKASKIA**

**IN RESERVE AT SUVA REPEAT SUVA INSTEAD OF DISCHARGING CARGO
SAMOA X COMANZAC REQUESTED MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS AND ISSUE**

**NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SHORE BASED PLANES TO ATTACK
RABAU AND GASMATA TWO HOURS AFTER SUNRISE ON TWENTYONE**

**FEBRUARY AND TO REPEAT ATTACKS ON SUBSEQUENT DAYS AS CIRCUM-
STANCES WARRANT X I HAVE INSTRUCTED ARMY BOMBERS PROCEED**

**TOWNSVILLE VIA NOUMEA MMM LEAVING SUVA SEVENTEEN FEBRUARY
AND PATROL PLANES WITH CURTISS TO TRANSFER TO NOUMEA TO CON-**

**DUCT DAISY SEARCH FROM THERE X PASS TO COMANZAC FORCE FROM
COMTASKFORCE ELEVEN.**

ACTION

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	ALL TASKFORCE CMDRS (PAC)	PPPPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 25 FEB 42	INFORMATION	COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0457/0448			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PITKIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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250249 CCR-2846

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TEXT			

FOR TASK FORCE SIXTEEN AFTER ATTACK ON WAKE
AND IF FUEL SITUATION AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
PERMIT DESIRE RAID MARCUS X INDICATIONS OF
ENEMY SUBMARINE LINE SOUTHWARD MIDWAY SUGGEST
RETURN NORTHWARD MIDWAY.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM RECEIVED CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMINCH CTF 11 (LANT)	PPPPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE FEBRUARY 25, 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM 1116 / 1051			
DECODED BY PORTER			
PARAPHRASED BY BUSH			

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250847 OGR 2866

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THIS IS COMANZAG 250430 X QUOTE CONCUR BROWNS REMARKS REGARDING FURTHER ATTACKS
 RABAU OUTLINED IN HIS 232214 X SEE MY 250100 X LATEST INFORMATION INDICATES UNITED
 STATES ARMY EXPEDITION NEW CALEDONIA PROBABLY READY PROCEED ABOUT 15 MARCH WITH
 POSSIBILITY SOME UNITS ANTICIPATE THAT DATE SLIGHTLY X ANZAG SQUADRON WILL BE RE-
 QUIRED ESCORT THAT MOVEMENT CINCPAC PASS THIS TO COMINCH AND COMTASFOR 11 X UNQUOTE
 X NEXT DESPATCH FOR COMTASFOR 11 ONLY X CINCPAC ORIGINATOR X THIS IS COMANZAG
 250100 ADDRESSED CINCPAC FOR ACTION COMINCH FOR INFO X QUOTE X IN VIEW LATEST INTEL-
 LIGENCE SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN EARLY ATTACK RABAU AREA BY TASK FORCES 11
 AND 17 X UNQUOTE X COMANZAG REQUEST THAT ABOVE BE PASSED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION

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DATE <u>FEB 25 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1745/1431</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>COWDEN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>COWDEN</u>			DEFERRED

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251209 CCR 2871 S

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TEXT EXACT LOCATION FLETCHER BROWN SOMEWHAT INDETERMINATE. FORMER PROBABLY BETWEEN CANTON AND ELLICE AWAITING FURTHER ORDERS SEE YOUR 151830 MY 160319. WEATHER MAY HAVE PREVENTED HIS FUELING AND PROBABLY WILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS. BROWN ASSUMED BETWEEN SUVA AND NEW HEBRIDES EMPTYING PLATTE. KASKASTIA DUE SUVA TWENTY EIGHTH AND NEOSHO EIGHT MARCH. LOGISTIC SUPPORT TWO TASK FORCES SUCH GREAT DISTANCE FROM BASE EXTREMELY PRECARIOUS. FUEL SUPPLY BROWN ALONE REQUIRES CONTINUOUS OPERATION THREE CIMARRON CLASS. SINKING ONE TANKER WOULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE IMPORTANT SHIPS. LIMITED AMMUNITION REPLACEMENTS IN DOBBIN ENROUTE. ABILITY TO SUPPLY LARGE AMMUNITION OR PLANE REPLACEMENTS DOUBTFUL. FOOD ENROUTE IN BRIDGE.

YOUR 062352, 122200 AND 141835 VARIOUS RECENT DISPATCHES BY LEARY AND BROWN INDICATE TO ME THERE IS GRAVE UNCERTAINTY AS TO JUST WHO WILL MAKE VITAL DECISIONS AT PRESENT TIME.

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TEXT ANY QUESTION AS TO COMMAND RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE PROMPTLY CLEARED.

COMTASKFORCE 11 232214 AND COMANZAC 250100 AND 250430. FLETCHER COULD JOIN BROWN WEST OF SUVA AFTER FUELING IF YOU SO REQUIRE. BOTH HE AND BROWN WOULD HAVE TO FUEL AGAIN BEFORE ADVANCING FAR TO NORTHWESTWARD. LOGISTIC SITUATION INDICATES DESIRABILITY WITHDRAWAL AT LEAST ONE FORCE FROM THAT AREA IN NEAR FUTURE.

IF FLETCHER JOINS BROWN RECOMMEND THAT BROWN AUGMENTED FORCE BE DIRECTED RAID RABAU AREA WHILE LEARY ARRANGES FOR MAXIMUM SHORE BASED AIR SUPPORT.

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FROM <u>CINCPAC</u>		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>26 FEB 42</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1006/0815</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>PITKIN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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260325 CCR-2951

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TEXT			

ORDERS FOR TASK FORCES UNCHANGED PENDING RECEIPT YOUR
 REPLY TO MY 251209 X WEATHER IMPROVED AT CANTON AND
 HOPEFUL REPORT AS TO REFLOATING TAYLOR RECEIVED BUT
 TOWING TO PEARL PROBABLY NECESSARY X JAPARA HAS
 ARRIVED CANTON ALSO FOR UNLOADING X ROBIN WITH
 ADDITIONAL BARGES TO EXPEDITE FUTURE DISEMBARKATION
 LEFT HERE YESTERDAY X TWO SUBS BY ROGER DOG FOX
 SOUTHWEST OF KAUAI.

ACTION....F-07

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DATE	23 MARCH 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	0114/2207			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	TIER8			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

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222157 CCR 5557A

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TEXT			

IN VIEW OPERATIONAL TRENDS PLAN TO ORDER PYE VIA
FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION TO TASKFORCE ONE
BROWN TO AMPHIBIOUS FORCE WITH FITCH RELIEVING
BROWN IN TASKFORCE ELEVEN

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FROM RADIO CAVITE		RADIO WASHN	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 30 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1400/			PRIORITY
DECODED BY /SLADE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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300940 CCR 7204AS

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TEXT

THIS IS FOR COMINCH TO BE DELIVERED TO GENERAL MARSHALL X
 MANILA BAY APPROACHES EFFECTIVELY BLOCKADED BY ENEMY SURFACE
 VESSELS PREVENTING ENTRANCE OUR SUPPLY VESSELS FROM SOUTHERN
 ISLANDS STOP FOOD, ANTIAIRCRAFT AMMUNITION WITH MECHANICAL
 FUSE, FUEL OIL AND GASOLINE SITUATION REQUIRES EMERGENCY
 MEASURES STOP REQUEST ASSIGNMENT OF AT LEAST TWO SUBMARINES
 ADAPTABLE TO CARGO CARRYING OPERATIONS (ARGONAUT OR NARWHAL
 CLASS) TO BRING THE ABOVE SUPPLIES FROM HAWAII AND REMAIN
 THIS AREA TO BRING IN FOOD AND FUEL FROM SOUTHERN ISLANDS
 STOP I MAKE THIS SEEMINGLY EXTRAVAGANT REQUEST IN VIEW OF
 YOUR INVITATION TO TELL YOU FRANKLY WHAT MY REQUIREMENTS ARE
 STOP WHEN MAY I EXPECT THE SIX CONVERTED DESTROYERS CARRYING
 SUPPLIES FROM THE STATES TO ARRIVE OFF THE NORTHERN COAST OF
 LUZON STOP I WILL ENDEAVOR TO PROVIDE AERIAL PROTECTION AS
 FAR TO SEA AS IS POSSIBLE STOP I URGENTLY RECOMMEND THAT

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RADIO CAVITE 300940 CCR 7284AS

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TEXT

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ORDERS BE SENT FROM WASHINGTON DIVERTING THREE SUBMARINES NOW OPERATING IN ADJACENT WATERS FROM PRESENT MISSIONS TO THE TASK OF BREAKING BLOCKADE IN PHILIPPINE WATERS AND THEN TO TRANSPORT URGENTLY NEEDED SUPPLIES FROM CEBU STOP I HAVE MADE THIS SAME REQUEST OF MACARTHUR BUT DO NOT KNOW THAT HE WILL FEEL THAT HE CAN SPARE THESE SUBMARINES FROM THEIR PRESENT MISSIONS WHICH SEEMS TO BE ATTACK OF ENEMY SHIPPING IN GENERAL, IN VIEW OF PRESSURE THAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE BROUGHT ON HIM BY UNITED NATIONS AND NAVY REPRESENTATIVES TO USE HIS AVAILABLE MEANS FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE RATHER THAN FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN PARTICULAR SIGNED WAINWRIGHT

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